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THIRD AIR DIVISION

THIRTEENTH COMBAT WING

ONE HUNDREDTH BOMB GROUP (H)



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### Introduction

January 1945 saw thirteen missions completed, in which the bombsight was trained once more on German transportation and oil.... Marshalling yards were hit at Frankfurt, Bad Kreuznach, Heilbronn, Kassel and Fulda.... Oil refineries and dumps were blasted at Hamburg and Derben, and on the latter mission, enemy aircraft were encountered for the only group aerial battle of the month.... Bridges at Duisburg were destroyed by pin-point attacks....

Three crashes took place on the base during the month... On 4 January, an aircraft of the 351st Bomb Squadron crashed upon landing, but all crew members escaped without injury... On 10 January, an abandoned B-17 crashed into the ammunition and bomb area, setting off explosions and fires that blanketed the entire base in a heavy mantle of smoke and hectic activity. Once again, no serious injuries resulted... On 31 January, a bomb-laden ship of the group crashed in the heavy fog, the blast of the RDX bombs destroying two other aircraft as well. For the third and most amazing time, no serious injuries were marked up.

January also saw the inevitable reaction to the Rundstedt December advance, as the Allied armies, after the temporary setback, resumed the offensive. On the Eastern Front the Red Army, as if in answer to the monday morning quarterbacks who were complaining about Soviet unwillingness to attack, began the largest and most magnificent offensive of the war, causing those same second and third-guessers to retreat quickly into oblivion...

A commendation was received from Headquarters, Third Division, commending the 351st Bombardment Squadron for completing fifty-two (52) operational missions from the period 31 July to 2 November 1944, without the loss of a plane or crew.

Something new was added to the month, as a call for infantry replacement volunteers shook the base. The call was for seventy men, and the few spots remaining unfilled by the time the physical checks had pared down the volunteers were filled by a chosen few...

The completion of the month also saw the completion of Colonel Jeffrey's tenure of command, which he had held for nine months. Through the leadership of Colonel Jeffrey, and his introduction of a strenuous training program, bombing accuracy during his command improved approximately 50%, and the record of aircraft maintenance as compiled by Third Division became extremely high, showing that this group led the Division four times, was in second place four times and in third place once.



GROUP 100th

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

1 MONTH Jan. '45

DATE	PRIMARY TARGET	AIRBORNE		AIRCRAFT LOST		AIRCRAFT BOMBING					TONS OF TARGET			PERSONNEL		SORTIES	CLAIMS E/A			
		E/L	A/B	E/A	A/A	UNK	PT	ST	LR	TQ	F	PT	ST	LR	TO		MIA	MIA KIA	DE	FR
2	Bad Kreuznach, Ger.	12	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	1	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Fulda, Germany	22	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	30.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Frankfurt, Ger.	38	9	0	1	0	28	0	0	1	9	70	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
6	Annweiler, Ger.	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2	0	0	0	76	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cologne, Ger.	26	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	13	0	39	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0
10	Cologne, Ger.	37	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	34	3	0	0	0	98	9	0	0	0	0
13	Mainz, Germany	25	1	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	1	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Derben, Germany	38	2	0	0	0	34	0	0	2	2	102.5	0	0	5	0	0	2	4	3
17	Hamburg, Ger.	38	3	0	0	0	34	0	0	0	4	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Heilbronn, Ger.	36	3	0	0	0	0	32	0	1	3	0	92.5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
21	Mannheim, Ger.	33	7	0	0	0	0	28	0	1	9	0	71.5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
28	Duisburg, Ger.	37	2	0	0	0	21	0	0	12	4	60	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0
29	Kassel, Ger.	44	3	0	0	0	30	0	11	0	3	85	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0



HEADQUARTERS AND STATION NO. 135, CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY REPORT. (31 January 1945)

Organization	Capts & Fld O's		1st Lts		2nd Lts		WO		Plt O's		Total No of O's	Pr for dy	Enlisted Pr not for dy	Total Enl
	Pr	Abs	Pr	Abs	Pr	Abs	Pr	Abs	Pr	Abs				
Hq Det, 100th Bomb Grp	41		15		1		1				68			99
349th Bomb Squadron	8		38		59				5		110			446
350th Bomb Squadron	8		32		50				14		104			440
351st Bomb Squadron	14		36		54				14		117			432
418th Bomb Squadron	11		36		63				9		119			445
456th Sub Depot (C1 1)	4		1				1				6			226
1776th Ord S & W Co	1		3								4			71
Det A, 1385th IE Co			2								2			50
1141st QM Company	1		2								3			40
Det A, 869th Cml Co			2								2			58
28th Sta Comp Sq	4		2		1						7			105
Det 135, 18th Wca Sq			1		1						2			8
216th Fin Sec ATO	1		1								2			22
2110th Eng Avn FF Plat			1								1			20
592nd Army Postal Unit					1						1			11
270th Med Disp Avn	2										2			13
TOTALS	96		171		250		2		42		540			2486

Attached Personnel

540 Officers 2486 Enlisted Men

Total Assigned Personnel

3026



Operational Narrative for 2 January 1945 Mission.

Target: Bad Kreuzmach

1- General Narrative: Eleven aircraft plus one PFF aircraft departed this base in formation at 0730-0736 hours. The 100th Bomb Group furnished one squadron (100th "A") which flew as the lead squadron of the 13th "A" Group.

2-Target: Primary target, Bad Kreuzmach, was bombed visually with good results.

3-Aircraft not Attacking: Eleven aircraft plus one PFF aircraft departed this base in formation.

	"A" SQUADRON
A/C Scheduled to take-off	11 and 1 PFF
A/C Dispatched	11 and 1 PFF
A/C Attacking	10 and 1 PFF
A/C Not Attacking	1

100th "A" Squadron: A/C #42-37521 turned back at 1045½ hours, with #4 prop feathered. Landed in friendly territory and returned later.

4- Losses: None.

5-Lead Bombardier, 100th "A": The bombing run was as briefed. Swing past I.P. to gain interval with Group ahead, and avoid prop-wash. Target and aiming point visual before I.P. Target obscured by bombs from Group ahead for about one minute before bombs were released. Ground Speed 168 miles per hour. Weather was CAVU.

100 BG INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE 2 JANUARY 1945

1- The primary target was bombed visually. 100 A good. Photographs show that bomb bursts are concealed in smoke of previous bombing that completely blankets target area.

2- One PFF A/C was airborne. The PFF set of this aircraft worked satisfactorily throughout the mission, with strong and consistent returns. The target was difficult to pick up but was identified at a distance of 20 miles.

3- At 1033 hours dog fights were observed off in the distance near Metz. One jet aircraft was seen off at approximately two miles distant in a 30 degree climb. All other aircraft could not be identified.

4- All flak was distant.

5- 10/10 undercast to 0600 E. CAVU over target.

6- a. 1140 hours, Kaiserlautern M/Y 3 to 4 miles west of city observed being bombed by an unidentified group.

b. 1133 hours, Frankenstein, an effective smoke screen was observed.

c. 1155 hours, Mannheim, smoke pots observed operating near center of city.

d. 1207 hours, Wissenbourg- moderate amount of traffic was observed in M/Y.

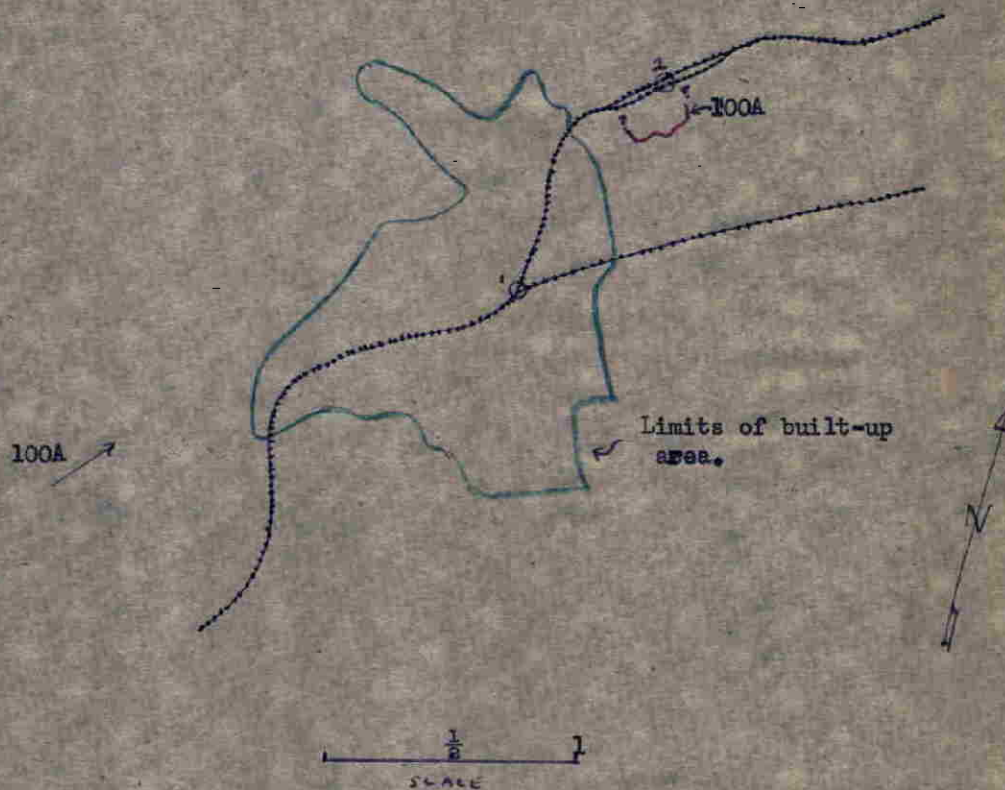
7- An unidentified B-17 with the right wing on fire was seen at 1230 hours. This A/C made one spin and then exploded. No chutes were seen.

8- Fighter support was considered good and times were met.



BOMB PLOT RR SIDINGS and JUNCTION, BAD KREUZMACH, GERMANY 2 JANUARY 1945

Alt:  
100A- 24,500  
Load: 500GP & 1 I.B.Cl.  
Bombing time:  
1143-1200



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Operational Narrative for 3 January 1945 Mission.

Target: Fulda.

General Narrative: Twenty aircraft plus two PFF aircraft departed this base in formation at 0720-0741 hours. The 100th Bombardment Group furnished two squadrons. One squadron (100th "A") to fly as the low squadron in the 13th A Group and the other squadron (100 "B") to fly as the low squadron in the 13th "B" Group.

2-Target: Secondary target, Fulda, bombed PFF.

3- Aircraft not Attacking: Twenty aircraft plus two PFF aircraft departed this base in formation.

	<u>"A" SQUADRON</u>	<u>"B" SQUADRON</u>
A/C Scheduled to take-off	11 and 1 PFF	9 and 1 PFF
A/C Dispatched	11 and 1 PFF	9 and 1 PFF
A/C Attacking	11 and 1 PFF	9 and 1 PFF
A/C Not Attacking	0	0

Losses: None.

5- Lead Bombardier, 100th "A": The bombing run was PFF. The IP was made good. All checks came out well and the last check especially was very good. Bombs were dropped in squadron formation at 1146 hours. Altitude was 22,000 feet. Weather was 10/10 undercast and the results of the bombing were unobserved.



100 BG INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE

3 JANUARY 1945

1- The M/Y at Fulda was bombed PFF. The 100 "A" Squadron flew low in the 13th "A" Group and bombed in squadron formation. 100 "B" flew low in the 13th "B" Group and bombed in group formation on the lead A/C. 100 "A" Mickey Operator believes that the bombs of his squadron hit in the target area. 100 "B" Mickey Operator believes 13th "B" Group hit in the area of the MPI.

2- Two PFF aircraft were airborne. There were no malfunctions.

a. 100 "A" M.O. picked up the target at 40 miles. Ground checks 9,8,7,6,5 were used. 8 was off slightly, but the remainder were good. M.O. was following through, but the bombing circle faded.

b. 100 "B" M.O. had only a 20 mile range, so a bomb run by squadron formation was not attempted. The M.O. followed through and believes that the bombs of his squadron hit the MPI.

3- 10/10 throughout entire mission.

4- a. At 1135 hours, a V-2 contrail was observed.

b. At 1340 hours, there appeared to be a very large explosion beneath the undercast. The smooth top of the undercast was seen to mushroom up and continued to rise as long as it was visible.

c. At 1504 hours, four round red floats were seen in the channel aligned east to west with a fifth float that had two black flags flying from a short pole.

5- The mission was extremely well executed. the only difficulty encountered was in assembling during the early morning.

6- Fighter support became very thin a few times during the mission. Most of the time, however, it was excellent.

7- Digest of Crew Comments: ...The nose of our A/C was smashed today by a box thrown out of another A/C....Green-red flares are confusing; look like navigation lights on B-17.... Why do we have to make beds at 0330 hours before going on a mission....





Operational Narrative for 5 January 1945 Mission.

Target: Frankfurt.

1- General Narrative: Thirty-eight aircraft including three PFF aircraft and two spares departed this base in formation at 0725-0804 hours. The 100th Bombardment Group flew as the 13th "B" Group which was the fifth group in Task Force "A".

2- Target: We bombed the primary target, Frankfurt, visually, with the high Squadron bombing off the lead and the low bombing by itself. Weather was CAVU in target area.

3- Aircraft not Attacking: Thirty-eight aircraft plus three PFF aircraft and two spares departed this base in formation.

	"A" SQDN	"B" SQDN	"C" SQDN
A/C Scheduled to take-off	11 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Dispatched	11 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Attacking	9 and 1	7 and 1	10 and 1
A/C Not Attacking	2	5	2

100th "A" Squadron: A/C #42-31530 returned early, leaving formation at 1225 hours.

A/C #42-31767 returned early, leaving formation at 1000 hours. Both of these aircraft jettisoned their bombs, 40 miles E. of Southwold.

100th "B" Squadron: A/C #42-38681 returned early, leaving formation at 1145 hours, bombs returned.

A/C #44-8613 returned early, leaving formation at 1015 hours. Bombs returned.

A/C #42-37972 returned early, leaving formation at 1110 hours. Bombs returned.

A/C #43-38397 returned early, leaving formation at 1210 hours. Bombs jettisoned 15 miles west of Boulogne.

A/C #43-38602 returned early, landed in France. Later returned to base.

100th "C" Squadron: A/C #44-6295 returned early, leaving formation at 1015 hours. Bombs jettisoned.

A/C #43-38852 returned early, leaving formation at 1040 hours. Bombs returned.

4- Losses: One aircraft, #44-8433 crashed in France. Crew bailed out and safe.

5- Lead Bombardier, "A": The bombing run was visual. Mickey assist. Unable to see the target due to clouds from the T.P. Mickey "killed" course and took me in. Picked at target at 12 miles and synchronized and tried to drop the bombs but intervalometer was "dead". I had to salvo the bomb load, delay may have caused them to hit over. The results of bombing were unobserved.



## INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE

5 JANUARY 1945

1- 100 "A", "B" and "C" flew in 13 "B" CW formation to attack the M/Y at Frankfurt am Main. Three PFF aircraft were airborne. The set of the lead ship of 100 "A" worked well throughout the mission with returns strong. The target area at the Frankfurt M/Y was first seen at 55 miles and positively identified at 45 miles. The radar navigator started the runs, giving the bombardier one check at eleven miles. At this point the run was taken over visually by the bombardier. Radar navigator followed through and believed course made good with bombs slightly over M/Y. Because all speed indicators were inoperative in the lead ship of 100 "B", this squadron echeloned to the left and dropped on the lead squadron. The Frankfurt M/Y was identified at 38 miles. Radar navigator believes results should be good. The PFF set leading 100 "C" operated fair. Target was identified at 40 miles.

Photographs show bombing results to be good.

2- Flak: Frankfurt am Main- Tracking, moderate, inaccurate.

3- Weather: 8/10 to 10/10 enroute. Clear over target at Frankfurt. High clouds at 23,000 feet. Dense, persistent contrails made formation flying very difficult.

4- At 1304 hours, 5053-0905E, alt. 24,000 feet, large factory very active.

b. M/Y at Aschaffenburg heavily loaded. Trains in station and signs of much activity.

c. At 1234 hours, M/Y in NW part of Frankfurt badly torn up and no signs of repair.

5- Fighter support was considered good.

BOMB PLOT

M/Y FRANKFURT, GERMANY

5 JANUARY 1945.

Alt.

100A- 25,000

100B- 25,500

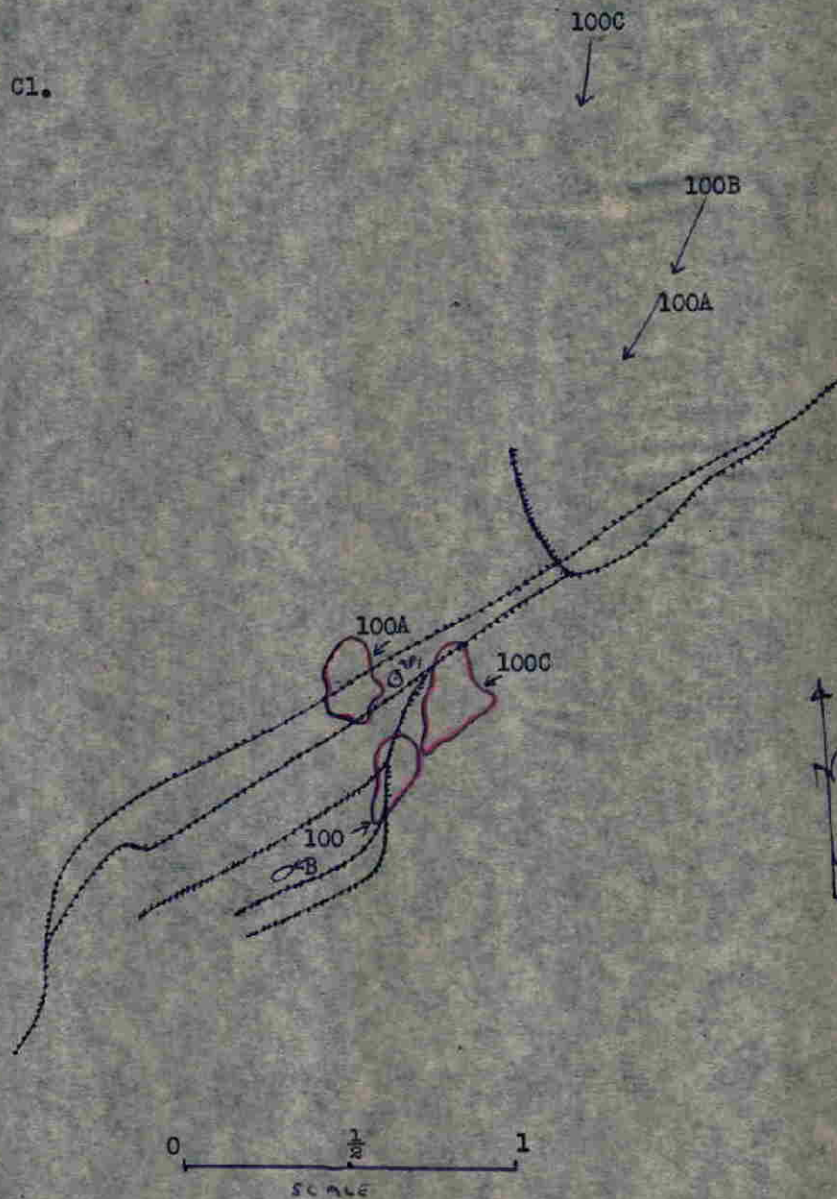
100C- 25,000

Bomb Load:

500GP &amp; 1 I.B. Cl.

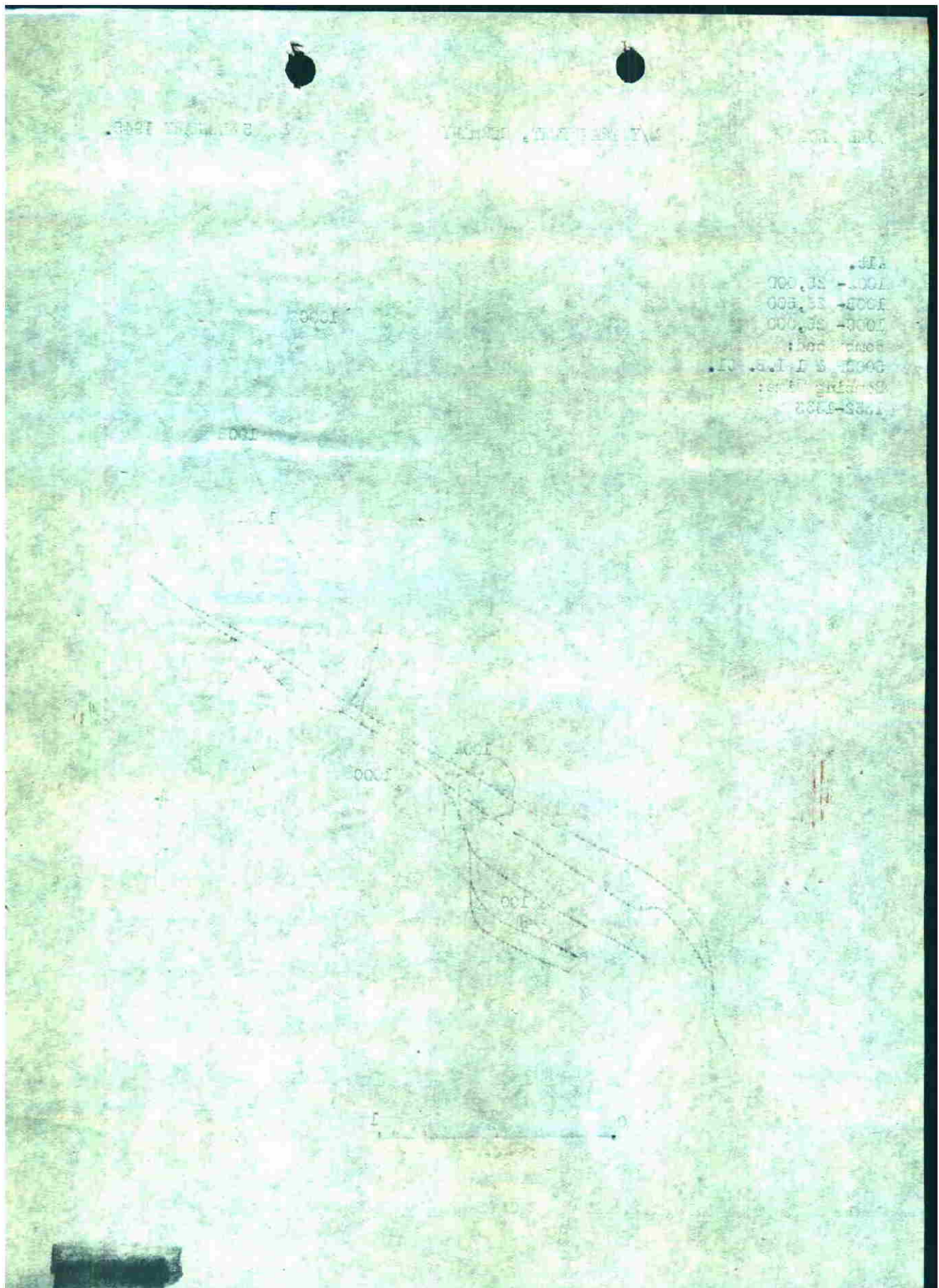
Bombing Time:

1332-1333



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Operational Narrative for 6 January Mission.

Target: Annweiler

1-General Narrative: Twenty-five aircraft plus two PFF aircraft departed this base in formation at 0800-0830 hours. The 100th Bombardment Group led the 13th "A" Combat Wing, which led the Third Division.

Target: We bombed a target of Opportunity, Annweiler, visually in group formation.

3- Aircraft Not Attacking: Twenty-five aircraft including two PFF aircraft departed this base in formation.

	"A" SQDN	"B" SQDN
A/C Scheduled to take-off	11 and 1 PFF	12 and 1 PFF
A/C Dispatched	11 and 1 PFF	12 and 1 PFF
A/C Attacking	10	12 and 1 PFF
A/C Not Attacking	1 and 1 PFF	0

100th "A" Squadron: A/C #44-8209 returned early due to #4 engine failure. Bombs returned.

A/C #43-37811 returned early due to mechanical reasons. This aircraft jettisoned its bombs 20 miles W. of Dunkirk.

4-Losses: None. A/C # 42-97071 landed in France, and returned later.

5-Lead Bombardier: The bombing run was visual. "A" Squadron leader aborted and "B" Squadron took over the lead and the rest of the former "A" Squadron went into the low position. The "A" Squadron made no sighting operation and dropped on the Group leader which was the "B" Squadron leader. Altitude 25,000 feet.



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Operational Narrative for 7 January 1945 Mission.

Target: Cologne.

1-General Narrative: Twenty-six aircraft including two PFF aircraft departed this base in formation at 0730-0753 hours. The 100th Bombardment Group furnished two squadrons. The 100th "A" Squadron flying as the high squadron and the 100th "B" flying the low squadron position in the 13th "A" Group.

2-Target: We bombed the primary target, Cologne by PFF through a solid undercast with results unobserved. The 100th "B" attacked a Target of Opportunity, Limburg, by PFF.

3-Aircraft not Attacking: Twenty-six aircraft including two PFF aircraft departed this base in formation.

	<u>"A" SQDN</u>	<u>"B" SQDN</u>
A/C Scheduled to take-off	12 and 1 PFF	12 and 1 PFF
A/C Dispatched	12 and 1 PFF	12 and 1 PFF
A/C Attacking	12 and 1 PFF	12 and 1 PFF
A/C Not Attacking	0	0

4-Losses: None.

5- Lead Bombardier: The bombing run was PFF. The Mickey Operator brought us in on the entire run until I clutched in at the 11 mile point. Mickey equipment did not seem to function too well although the five mile was good. Bombs were dropped in squadron formation. Altitude was 25,500 feet.

6- Lead Navigator, "B"- Squadron: We were unable to bomb Primary because of Mickey failure. We turned on to the last resort target. According to LR and "G", we passed directly over it, but as Mickey was not functioning we could not bomb. At this point, we were able to get Mickey returns, so decided to attack Limburg directly ahead of us. Bombing was PFF from 23,500 feet. Weather in target area was very poor.

## INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE

7 JANUARY 1945

100 "A"

- 1- Photos show nothing but clouds. No results were observed due to undercast. One navigator received Gee fix at 5056N-0707E at bombs away. 100"A" bombed H2X on Cologne M/Y. MO had course beacon before I.P. but it faded and he was unable to tune it in again. He did not try to pick up rate beacon but made an H2X run on Cologne. H2X was working well with good return. Target was identified at 50 miles. The follow through was made but MO was not certain about results of bombing.
- 2-Flak; Cologne: Meager to moderate, low, inaccurate, tracking. Had four rockets.
- 3-Weather: Solid 10/10 over continent.
- 4-Fighter support was very good and as briefed.

100 "B"

- 1- Photos show only clouds and no results were observed. 100 "B" bombed H2X on Limburg. MO was unable to get either of the cat and mouse beacons at any time. Due to some misunderstanding about bombs away of the lead of 13 "A", Cologne was not bombed but a Target Of Opportunity was selected. Course seemed killed at 30-35 on Limburg but another group crowded out 100 "B" and at the time the Mickey was working only intermittently, the MO having to tune manually and he was unable to determine results.
- 2- Flak: Cologne- Meager to moderate, inaccurate, low.  
Sieburg- Moderate, inaccurate, barrage.
- 3- Solid undercast over continent for entire trip.
- 4- Fighter support was very good.

Digest of Crew Comments: Believe there would be less confusion if second PFF flew #2 in lead squadron when it becomes necessary to change leaders.... Oxygen systems on new A/C are so badly adjusted as to suggest sabotage. Regulators force oxygen out in off position....





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Operational Narrative for 10 January 1945 Mission.

Target: Cologne (Duisburg)

1-General Narrative: Thirty-seven aircraft including three PFF aircraft departed this base in formation at 0800-0853 hours. The 100th Bombardment Group flew in the 13th "B" Group which was the fifth group in the Division line.

2-Target: We overshot the target and so made a run on a Target of Opportunity, Duisberg, which we bombed visually with fair results.

3-Aircraft Not Attacking: Thirty-seven aircraft plus three PFF aircraft departed this base.

	<u>"A" SQDN</u>	<u>"B" SQDN</u>	<u>"C" SQDN</u>
A/C Scheduled to take-off	10 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Dispatched	10 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Attacking	10 and 1	11 and 1	11
A/C Not Attacking	0	0	1 and 1

100th "B" Squadron: A/C #44-6811 returned early, #1 and #4 engines running rough. Bombs were returned.

100th "C" Squadron: A/C #42-38047 returned early as it could not catch formation due to late take-off. A/C #44-3400 did not attack due to bomb rack malfunction, could not release bombs because moisture collected in release and then froze.

4-Losses: A/C #42-31991 last seen at 1230 hours. Crew returned later.  
 A/C #42-37936 missing.  
 A/C #43-37808 landed on continent at K 1579. Latest report states that pilot navigator and bombardier were wounded and in hospital in England.  
 A/C #43-38992 landed on continent at A-92. Crew later returned.



## INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE

10 JANUARY 1945

1- 100 "A", "B", "C" flew in 13th "B" Combat Wing to attack tactical target (railroad bridge) in the Cologne area. Three PFF ships were airborne. Lead of 100 "A" found the beacons good on route in and on bomb run. Radar navigator set up course making four corrections to left to maintain briefed course. Checks 1, 2, 3, 4 were OK. Then gave course correction and missed checks 5 and 6. Bombardier took over here for a visual run. Radar navigator would have dropped earlier. Lead of 100 "B" found beacons strong. Radar navigator set up course and two minutes before bombs away, the bombsight was struck by flak. Ship dropped wheels to indicate abortion and left ~~abortion~~ formation, dropping bombs after leveling off. Lead of 100 "C" reported the PFF equipment operated good on route in and out but M\*H poor on target run. The run was made visually with Duisburg as target attacked. Hot print photos show 100 "A" scattered pattern on left and right bank of Rhine River at Duisburg Heckfeld, 5125N 0644E. Poor results; 100 "B" - few ships bombs fell in built-up area of Oberkassel, 5114N 0646E, fair results. Other ships bombs fell in fields at 5125N 0637 E with poor results; 100 "C" bombs fell in built up area of Oberkassel 5114N 0646 E, Fair results.

2- Primary target assigned this group was not bombed. At IP, started making MH run on target and got to one half minute before bombs away when there was a break in the clouds and lead saw they were over open country. Saw town off to the right believed to be Cologne, and bombed it. This town was later identified by lead navigator as Duisburg.

3- Flak: 1215 hours-Cologne- Moderate, pointed, very accurate, tracking.

4- 1128 hours, 3002N 0750E, altitude 25,500 feet, 20 barges observed in Rhine.

1215 hours- Cologne- 18 barges in canals and docks.

1205 hours-5039N 0743E- one large rectangular building camouflaged with a new netting.

5- Fighter support considered good.

BOMB PLOT

DUISBURG RR BRIDGE

DUISBURG, GERMANY

10 JANUARY 1945.

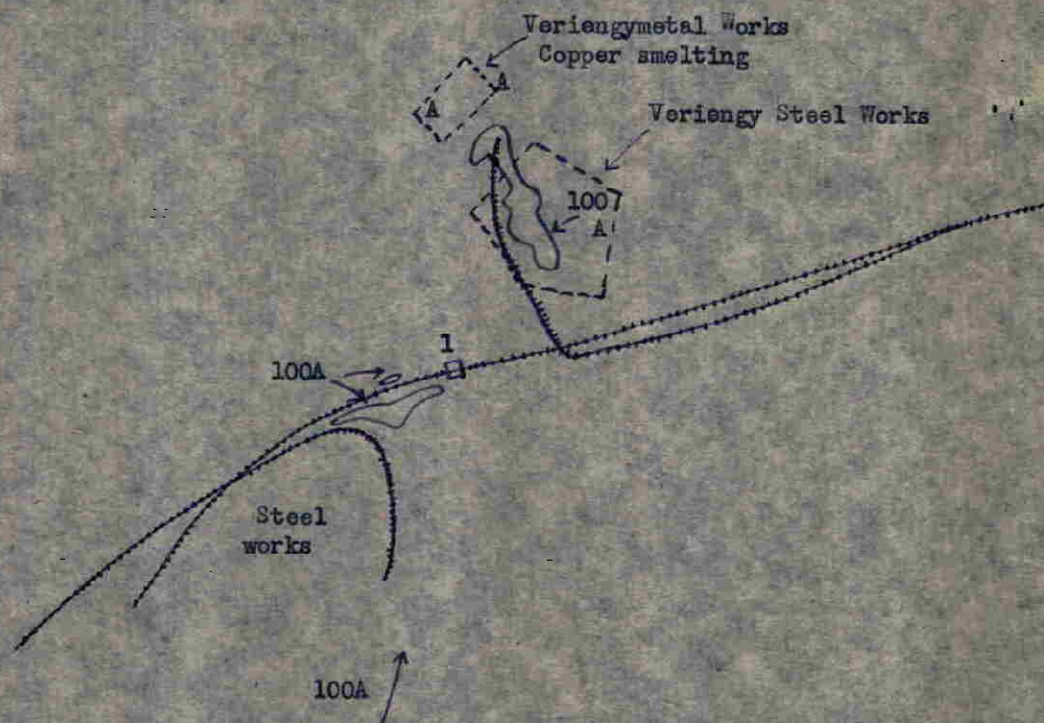
100A

Bomb Load: 1000GP

Aiming Point: 1

Alt. 27,000

Strays: A







Operational Narrative of 13 January 1945 Mission.

Target: Mainz

1-General Narrative: Twenty-five aircraft including two PFF aircraft departed this base in formation at 0820-0839 hours. The lead and high squadrons flew with the 13th "A" Group which was the fifth group in the Third Division column.

Target: Primary, Mainz, bombed by Micro-H, with results believed to be good. Interference was propwash on bomb run.

3-Route Back: As briefed. Ran into heavy, persistent contrails and we lost our low squadron. When we got out of clouds, there were squadrons all over the sky. We did get back with a high, but without a low squadron.

4-Aircraft not Attacking: Twenty-five aircraft including two PFF aircraft departed this base in formation.

	"A" SQDN	"B" SQDN
A/C Scheduled to take-off	11 and 1 PFF	12 and 1 PFF
A/C Dispatched	11 and 1 PFF	12 and 1 PFF
A/C Attacking	11 and 1 PFF	11 and 1 PFF
A/C Not Attacking	0	1

100th "B" Squadron: A/C #44-6470 returned early, leaving formation at 1242 hours, at 26,300 feet. Bombs returned.

5- Losses: None.

6- Lead Bombardier, "A": The bombing run was by cat and mouse, with 7 checks falling very close. MO took over the ship at the Pre-IP. The run was visual to within five miles of the target area. Checks came out within .01 of a tangent on the final checks and course was checked against Pilotage points on course. Run was believed to be very good. This squadron accomplished the bombing run in squadron formation and bombs were dropped in squadron formation. Altitude was 25,000 feet.



INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE 13 JANUARY 1945

1- The primary target was bombed by Micro-H (Cat Mouse).

100 "A"- Poor- Photographs show no bomb bursts, and place of bombs away cannot be identified. It is believed that bombs fell North of MPI by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 miles.

100 "B"- Poor- Photographs show no bomb bursts, but estimated bomb fall plot shows 100 "B" overshooting MPI by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

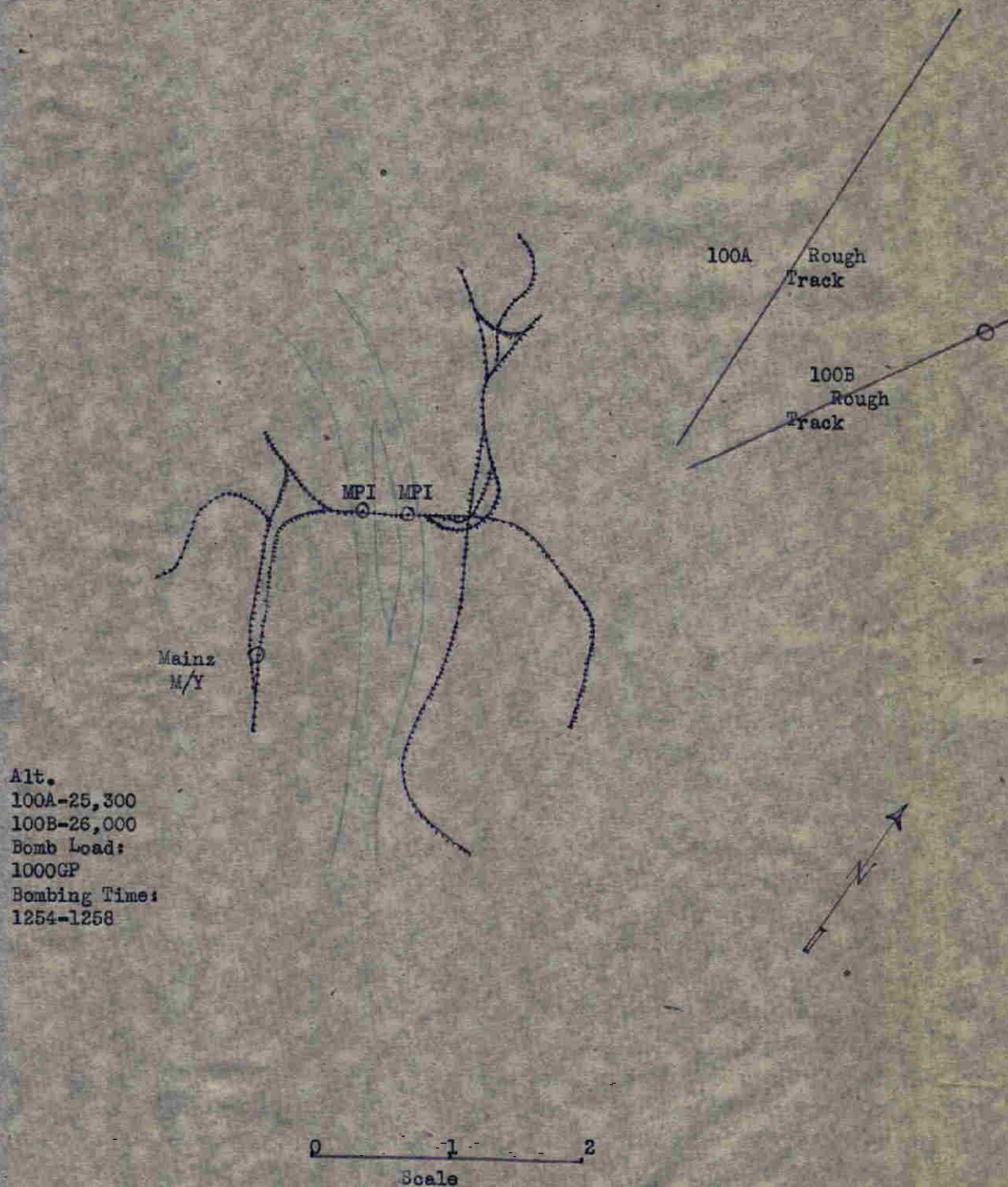
2-Flak: IP to target area- Meager to moderate- mostly inaccurate barrage.

3- Weather: Large, scattered clouds in target area, one of ten mile width. Obscured target.

4- P-51's gave excellent support to this group.

BOMB PLOT KAISERBRUCKE and GUSTANBURG RR BRIDGES

13 JANUARY 1945







Operational Narrative for 14 January 1945 Mission.

Target: Derben

1-General Narrative: Thirty-eight aircraft including three PFF aircraft departed this base in formation at 0732-0815 hours. The 100th Bombardment Group flew as the 13th "B" Group, which was the second group in the division column.

2-Route In: At 1230 hours, bandits were announced in area and we contacted fighters. About 50 FW 190's dove between lead and low squadrons.

Target: We bombed primary, visually, with results determined to be excellent. Prop wash was encountered, throwing the high squadron out of position.

4- Aircraft not Attacking: Thirty-eight aircraft plus three PFF aircraft departed this base.

	"A"	"B"	"C"
A/C Scheduled to take-off	11 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Dispatched	11 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Attacking	10 and 1	12 and 1	11 and 1
A/C Not Attacking	1	0	1

100th "A" Squadron: Spare A/C #43-38681, left formation at 1102 hours at 12,000 feet. Bombs were jettisoned.

100th "C" Squadron: Spare A/C #44-6092, left formation at 0800 hours over base, altitude 500 feet. Bombs returned.

5-Losses: None.

6-Lead Bombardier, "A": We saw enemy fighter just short of the IP so we elected to bomb in group formation. Weather was exceptionally clear over the target area and the MPI could be clearly seen. Because we were so close to the group ahead, we had prop wash to contend with and also a very short run. But the results were good. Altitude was 26,000 feet.



INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE 14 JANUARY 1945

1- Photos show 100 "A" and 100 "C" bombs all fell together in a loose pattern across MPI, extending from 2000 feet NW of MPI to 3000 feet SE. Very good bombing results.

100 "B" bombs center of pattern fell one mile SW of MPI. Bombs landed in barge harbor and in and across river to west. Poor bombing results.

2- Flak: Brunsbuttelkoog- Meager to moderate, accurate, tracking.  
Brandenburg- Distant, meager, barrage.

3- Weather: CAVU at target. Scattered at places over continent. Thirty mile visibility at target. From Holland back it was 9/10 to 10/10 undercast plus fog and haze.

4- Observations; 1. 8 barrage balloons over Heligoland observed at 1135 hours.

2. 70 circular storage tanks near 5235N-0922E. There were four groups of 16 tanks plus a few scattered tanks in a woods.

3. There is a huge wharf being built out into the sea on Heligoland.

4. V-2 trails were seen and believed to be launched from approximately 5338N-0715E and from near 5230N-0605E.

5. Railroad traffic was very heavy along route all the way to the target. Nearly all M/Y's in large towns and cities were loaded with trains.

5- Fighter support was very good. It broke up E/A formations. Was on time and as briefed.

COBOMGR ONE HUNDRED.



100BG - SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT - DERBEN- 14 JANUARY 1946

1- a. 50 E/A sighted including mainly FW 190's with approximately 10 ME 109's and one T/E Jet.

b. One FW 190 made one pass at "A" Squadron. 12 FW 190's and 2 ME 109's made passes at "B" Squadron. Two ME 109's attacked "C" Squadron.

c. Claims for ME 109's are 1-0-2. Claims for FW 190's are 3-3-0.

2- 100 "A", "B" and "C" Squadrons composed 13 "B" CW. Bandits were reported in the area from 1234 hours to 1310 hours, from 5243N-1226E to 5233N-1120E. Formation was headed 155° T at the time of the attacks and the E/A were sighted at ten o'clock high. All three squadrons were in good formation and tightened up when bandits were reported. The fighter escort was in the very near vicinity and succeeded in engaging nearly all the enemy aircraft, breaking up the enemy aircraft formations. The 100th Bombardment Group lost no aircraft and only one aircraft was slightly damaged by 20 MM fire. Most E/A passed by the 95th Group and the 100th Group and made attacks on the 390th which was approximately ten miles behind the 100th Group.

100 "A" Squadron had only one attack. A single FW 190 made one pass at the formation from 0630 level and it broke off its attack at 400 yards, when fired on by one of the tail gunners. A P-51 went after this FW 190. This E/A had broken away from a formation of E/A being led by a T/E Jet plane. It made its only pass at 1234 hours at 5243N-1226 E.

100 "B" Squadron was attacked by 14 FW 190's and 2 ME 109's singly and in pairs. The first attacks started at 1234 hours near 5243N-1226E and continued for five minutes. These attacks were all at 26,000 feet altitude. The first attack on this squadron was by a single ME 109 which came in from 11 o'clock low. It was being fired at and broke away to its right at 400 yards and dived down. It was reported seen going down smoking and burning. Before this E/A had broken off, another ME 109 came in from two o'clock high and employed the swooper tactics so that it came in firing from two o'clock low. This E/A was fired at from 800 yards and began smoking at 150 yards. It passed directly under the 100 "B" Squadron, smoking and going down. This E/A got hits in the plexiglass nose of ~~the~~ one of the B-17's in this formation.

Two FW 190's came in from 6 o'clock low after escaping the dog fights with P-51's so believed the pilots must be experienced to dodge our escort fighters. Both E/A were being fired at and one exploded at 400 yards and the other went straight up into a stall and then fell straight down. They could not follow this one for two more FW 190's came in from six o'clock low at this time. Gunners started firing when E/A were at 1000 yards and they broke off early to their left and dived very low. These two E/A got in only a very few bursts with no damage resulting. About five more FW 190's started in toward formation singly but did not press attacks within range.

One FW 190 came in from seven o'clock level and started firing at formation from 1000 yards, but only gave one short burst. Gunners started firing at this E/A at 800 yards and it came in to 300 yards, at which time it burst into flames. They followed it down approximately 2000 feet and the whole E/A was enveloped in flames by then.

Three FW 190's came in singly from nine o'clock slightly high, in pursuit curves. They broke off at approximately 1200 yards when fired upon and dived down to their right.

Another FW 190 came in on a pursuit curve at five o'clock low. By the time



it was within a 1000 yards, P-51's engaged it and it could not press its attack.

100 "C" Squadron had only one attack at approximately 1238 hours near 5233N-1248E from six o'clock slightly high by two ME 109's. Gunners opened fire at 1000 yards. One broke off early and the other came in to 300 yards at which time it burst into flames around engine and cockpit. It fell off on its wing into an uncontrolled spin and soon exploded and disintegrated.

3- There were no unusual markings except one E/A was yellow with black wing tips. Other E/A seemed to match the ground well. Enemy pilots seemed fairly experienced.

COBOMGR ONE HUNDRED.

BOMB PLOT

DERBEN OIL STORAGE

GERMANY

14 JANUARY 1945

Alt.  
100BG- 26,500  
Bomb load- 1000GP  
Bombing Time-  
1304.



033





034

Operational Narrative for 17 January 1945 MissionTarget: Hamburg

General Narrative: Thirty-eight aircraft including three PFF aircraft departed this base in formation 0810-0838 hours. The 100th Bombardment Group flew as the 13th "B" Group, which was the second group in the Division line.

Target: Primary bombed visually with results believed to be good.

3-Aircraft Not Attacking: Thirty-eight aircraft including three PFF aircraft departed this base.

	<u>"A" SQDN</u>	<u>"B" SQDN</u>	<u>"C" SQDN</u>
A/C Scheduled to take-off	11 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Dispatched	11 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Attacking	11 and 1	10 and 1	10 and 1
A/C Not Attacking	0	2	2

100th "B" Squadron: A/C #43-8414 returned early due to mechanical reasons, leaving formation at 1051 hours.

A/C #42-102958 flew over the target but did not attack due to intervalometer not working.

100th "C" Squadron: Spare aircraft #44-6608 turned back at 1113 hours. Bombs returned.

Spare aircraft #43-38514 turned back at 0935 hours. Bombs returned.

4-Losses: None.

5-Lead Bomber: "A" Squadron: The bombing run was visual all the way. Mickey helped with course to catch in point. Made one slight evasive action turn to gain better position behind group ahead. Altitude was 26,000 feet.



## INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE

17 JANUARY 1945

1- The Rhenania-Ossag Oil Refinery at Hamburg was bombed visually with PFF assists by squadrons. Observing crew members believe that the target area was well covered with a rather loose pattern with good results. Just after we turned from the Target three large explosions were seen in the black smoke that covered the area where our bombs hit. A large number of fires were seen in the target area. Photographs show good bombing results for all three squadrons with the bomb pattern spreading from the MPI to the south within the target area.

## 2- PFF information:

- a. Maddox-100"A"- Visual with PFF assists- strong returns- target identified at 45 miles.
- b. Stropp-100"B"- Visual with PFF assists- fair returns- target identified at 30 miles.
- c. Rowland-100"C"- Visual- strong returns- target identified at 50 miles.

100"A" Radar Navigator killed course after IP. Bombardier set up rate and corrected course on visual run.

100"B" Radar Navigator set up course and clutched in bombardier at 11 miles and gave him a check at 9 miles, and 2 degree corrections to the left. Bombardier took over for a visual run just before 7 mile check.

3-Flak: Hamburg- Intense, predicted barrage and tracking flak lasted about ~~three~~ minutes. It was only moderately accurate and appeared to be concentrated behind our formation.

5401N-0931E to 5405N-0917E- Moderate tracking flak lasted about five minutes. Bursts were concentrated ahead of our formation, but were accurately placed at our altitude.

5405N-0917E to 5405N-0907E- Meager, tracking flak lasted about three minutes. Bursts were accurate for altitude, but were off to the left of our formation.

4- 1/10 to 2/10's scattered low clouds were general over North Germany, but the target area was clear except for a slight ground haze. A smoke screen was attempted, but it appeared to have been started late, and was ineffective.

5- 1248 hours, there was considerable shipping activity along the Elbe estuary and around the harbor at Cuhaven. About 50 MV's and barges were counted in this area, including a small convoy of 3 large and 7 small ships that was headed north.

1150 hours, 5334N-0935E, 18 oil storage tanks were seen on the south bank of the Elbe River.

6- Most crew members were well satisfied with the mission, though bombardiers believed that a 150 foot intervalometer setting was too much for the visual bombing of this target.

7- Escort fighters were very much on the job today. Rendezvous times were made and good close support was given throughout the time that we were over enemy territory.

COBOMGR ONE HUNDRED.

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BOMB PLOT RHENANIA-OSSAG and HAMBURG ALBRECHT OIL REFINERIES.

17 JANUARY 1945



Alt.  
100AC- 26,300  
100B - 26,700  
Bomb load-500GP  
Bombing time:  
1155-1157

0  $\frac{1}{2}$  1 mi.  
Scale



037





Operational Narrative for January 20 1945 Mission.Target: Heilbronn

1-General Narrative: Thirty-six aircraft including six PFF aircraft departed this base in formation at 0740-0810 hours. The 100th Bombardment Group flew as the 13th "B" Group, which was the fifth group in the Division column.

2-Target: Secondary target was bombed PFF by squadrons. The primary was overcast.

3- Aircraft Not Attacking: Thirty-six aircraft including three PFF aircraft dropped this base in formation.

	"A" SQDN	"B" SQDN	"C" SQDN
A/C Scheduled to take-off	9 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Departed	9 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Attacking	9 and 1	12 and 1	10 and 1
A/C Not Attacking	0	1	2

100th "B" Squadron: A/C #43-38614 returned early due to mechanical reasons.

100th "C" Squadron: A/C #42-97230 returned early as he could not find the formation at 1125 hours, position primary IP, altitude 24,000 feet.

A/C #43-38945 returned early as he lost formation. Turned back at 1119 hours, altitude 26,000 feet.

4- Losses: None.

5-Lead Bombardier, "A": The bombing run was PFF with visual assistance. The IP was made good and we proceeded to bomb in squadron formation. Due to the clouds over the target area, the mickey operator took over. The MO clutched me in at 11 miles and checks were made at 9, 7, and 6 miles. These were good. After the six mile check a break in the clouds enabled me to see the target area. I corrected for course somewhat and clouds again prevented me from finishing the sighting operation. Bombs were away in squadron formation at 1139 hours, from an altitude of 25,800 feet.



## INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE 20 JANUARY 1945

1- The secondary target, Heilbronn, was bombed by H2X with visual assistance. 100"A" results were fair. Photographs show no available bomb bursts. Estimated bomb fall shows that bombs should have fallen about 3/4 miles south of MPI.

100"B"- Photographs show no bombbursts, but estimated bombfall plot should be in smoke covered area of target.

100"C"- Photographs show no bomb bursts, and estimated bomb fall should show bombs slightly north of MPI.

2- PFF Information: Rhode-100"A"H2X- Visual assist- Good and fair returns- Target identified at 40 miles.

Rowland-100"B"- H2X- Visual assist- Good and fair returns. Target identified at 50 mile distance.

Cately- 100"C"- H2X- Visual assist- Medium returns- Target identified at 35 miles distance.

Mickey set up rate and course in all cases and bombardiers took over in time. to make one or two corrections.

3- Flak: Heilbronn- Meager, inaccurate, low barrage.

Stuttgart- Meager, barrage, distant.

Pforzheim- Meager, barrage, distant.

4- Weather: From mid channel to IP, clouds started building dense, persistent contrails up to 27,000 feet. Encountered 8/10 to 9/10 clouds over target.

5- Our Command Pilot, Major Martin, received weather forecast from weather ship and the secondary target was chosen, due to the PT being undercast.

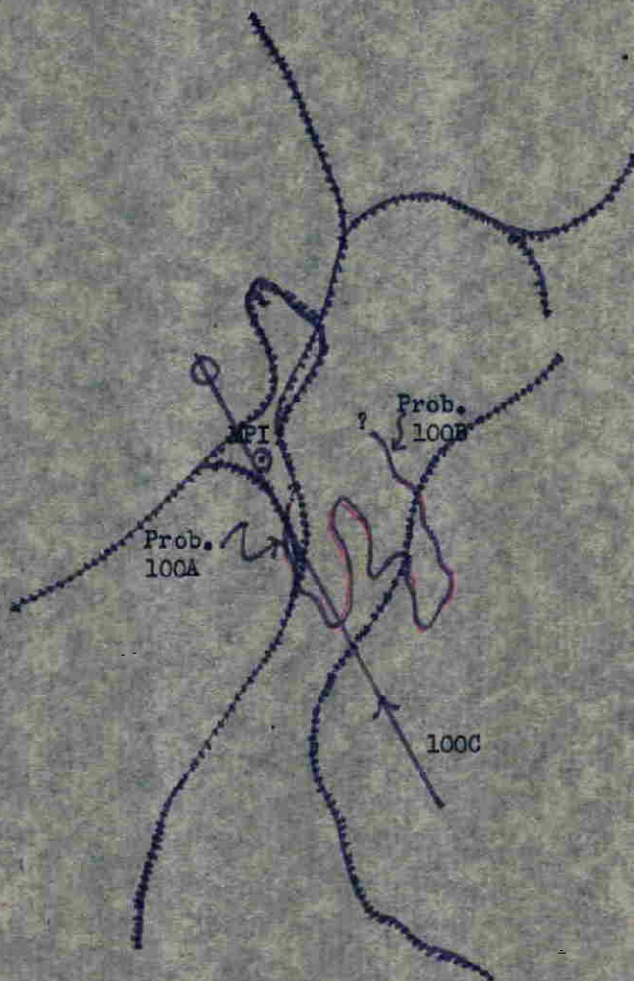
6- Crews reported escort giving good support and rendezvous times were made good. Both P-51's and P-47's were seen.

7-Digest of Crew Comments: ....Climb too fast; give bombload back to lead ship.... Weather made formation flying so difficult that we believe mission should have been scrubbed....

COBOMGR ONE HUNDRED.

BOMB PLOT HEHLERONN M/Y, GERMANY

20 JANUARY 1945



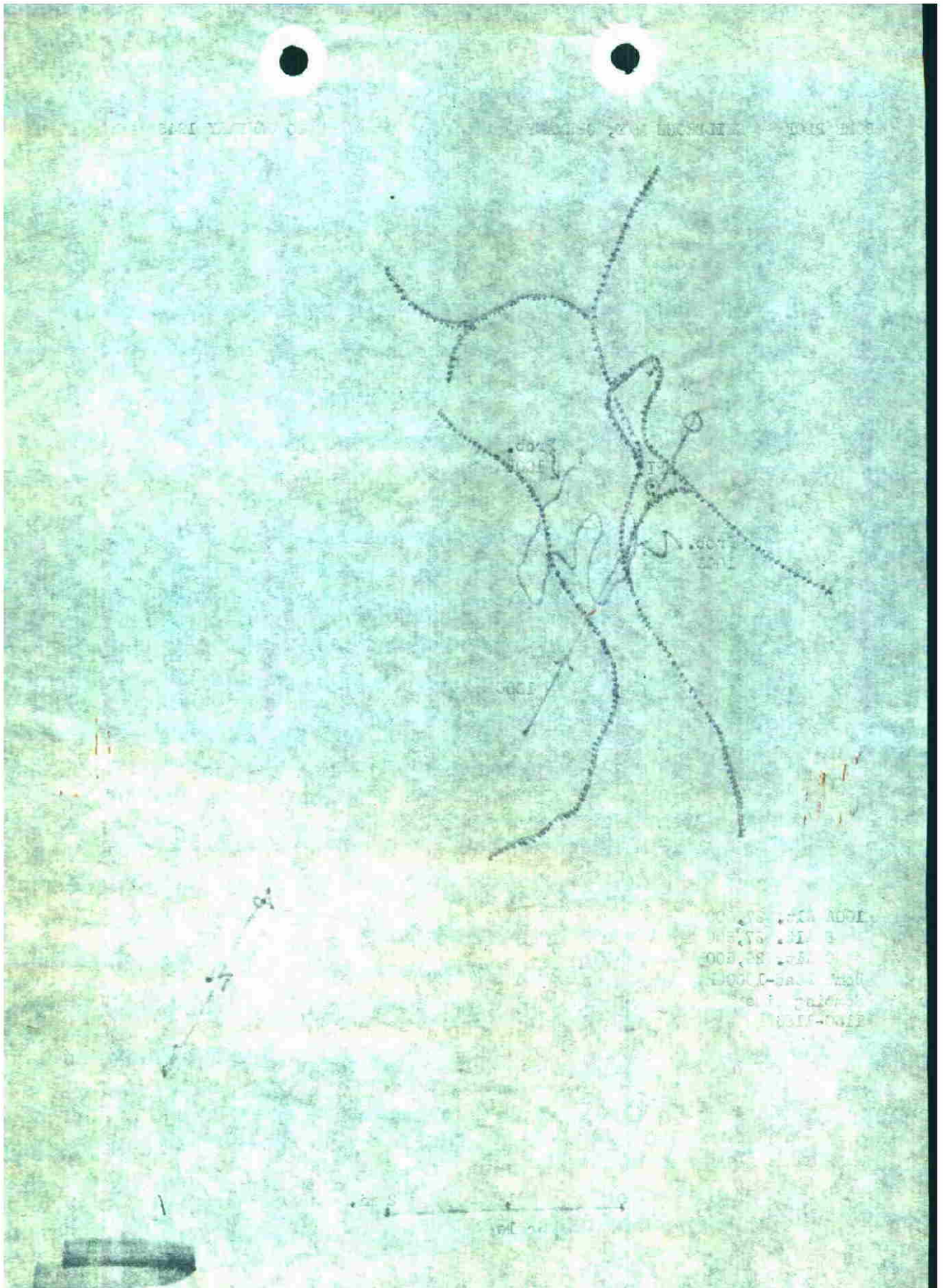
100A Alt. 27,000  
 B Alt. 27,500  
 C Alt. 26,600  
 Bomb Load-1000GP  
 Bombing Time  
 1130-1156



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 Scale

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Operational Narrative for 21 January 1945 Mission.

Target: Mannheim

1-General Narrative: Thirty-eight aircraft including three PFF aircraft and two spare aircraft departed this base in formation at 0755-0830 hours. The 100th Bombardment Group flew as the 13th "A" Group which was the eighth group in the Division column.

2-Target: Bombed secondary target by PFF with results unobserved. Very poor reception was received from Micro H beacon.

3- Aircraft Not Attacking: Thirty-eight aircraft including three PFF aircraft departed this base.

	"A"SQDN	"B"SQDN	"C"SQDN
A/C Scheduled to take-off	11 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Dispatched	11 and 1	12 and 1	12 and 1
A/C Attacking	8 and 1	9 and 1	9 and 1
A/C Not Attacking	3	3	3

100th "A" Squadron: A/C #42-97230 returned early due to runaway prop.

A/C #44-8680 returned early due to #2 engine failure.

A/C #42-97673 did not attack due to bomb rack malfunction.

This aircraft salvoed its bombs.

100th "B" Squadron: Spare aircraft #44-8613 returned early, leaving formation at 0946 hours.

A/C #43-38975 returned early, as it could not find the formation due to weather.

A/C #44-6500 returned early as it could not find formation.

100th "C" Squadron: Spare aircraft #43-38610 returned early, leaving formation at 0913 hours.

A/C #44-37521 did not attack due to bomb salvo switch being inoperative. This aircraft salvoed its bombs.

4- Losses: None.

5-Lead Bombardier, "A" Squadron: The weather was completely 10/10 overcast and it was entirely an H2X run by the Mickey operator. Bombing was done in squadron formation and bombs away at 1212 hours. Altitude was 27,000 feet.



## INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE

21 JANUARY 1945

1- Most of the aircraft of this group bombed in the Mannheim area, H2X, in squadron formation through 10/10 undercast. Our A/C #865 flew with the 486th Group, A/C #817 flew with the 447th Group; A/C #636 flew in a composite group made up of A/C with group letters "C", "V", and "O". The bombs of A/C #636 were dropped on lead of composite group near 4908N-0837E; results unknown. Two of our aircraft jettisoned their bombs over enemy territory. All others dropped in the vicinity of Mannheim.

The MO of 100"A" estimates that his bombs hit the MPI of secondary target (MY at Mannheim). Two A/C of 385th Group were flying with this squadron.

The MO of 100"B" Group estimates that his bombs hit a little to the left of the MPI of same target. One A/C of 388th Group flew with this squadron.

The MO of 100 "C" believes that his bombs hit a little to the right of the MPI of the same target, possibly in the M/Y south-east of our target.

Photographs show only 10/10 undercast.

2- Flak: Mannheim- Moderate flak was scattered over a large area in a loose barrage, with a few guns tracking. Also a few ground rockets were fired from this area. It was mostly very inaccurate on our formation.

3- Weather: High clouds and dense, persistent contrails were encountered up to 25,000 feet over England. The weather improved over the continent where there was an undercast that varied from 8/10 to 10/10.

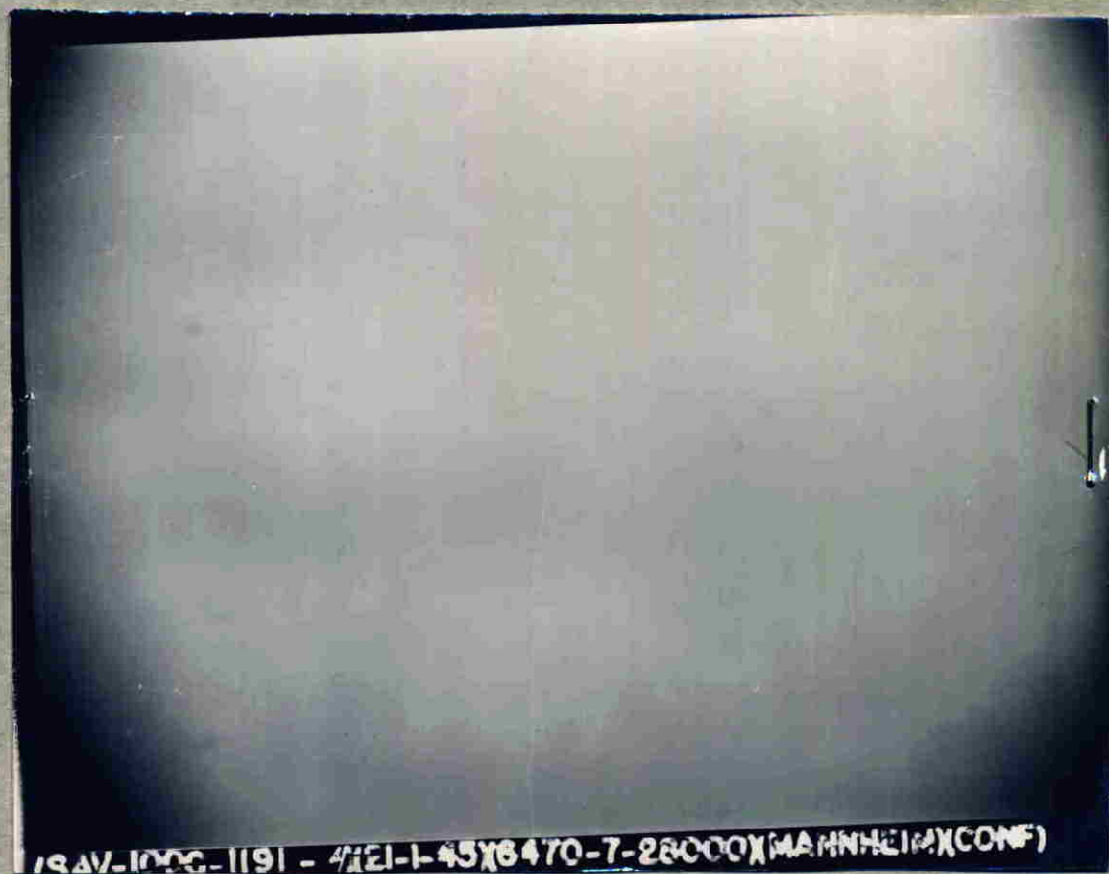
4-Observations: a. At 1213 hours, through a small break in the undercast, bombs of another group were seen hitting into buildings that were thought to be the tank factory located in the eastern part of the city of Mannheim. b. En route from the target, fire and heavy black smoke was seen in the M/Y and adjacent built up areas at Pforzheim.

5- Other information: a. Due to cloud conditions, 100"C" became separated from 100 "A" & "B" over the channel and tacked on as the high squadron with the 385th Group. They remained with them and bombed a M/Y in the southeastern section of Mannheim H2X in squadron formation.. b. The weather over England was a great hazard to flying this morning. It broke up formations and caused several narrow escapes from collisions by A/C of this group and wing formations. In spite of this, most crew members feel that they did a good job of assembling over the continent and believe that they bombed effectively.

6- Fighter escort was considered especially good today in that scattered bomber formations made their job particularly difficult. In spite of adverse conditions, very effective and close support was given throughout the mission and crew members feel that the fighter pilots should be commended.

COBOMGR ONE HUNDRED.





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## Operational Narrative for 28 January 1945 Mission.

Target: Duisburg

1-General Narrative: Thirty-seven aircraft including three PFF aircraft departed this base in formation at 0910-0954 hours. The 100th Bombardment Group flew as the 13th "A" Group, which was the ninth group in the Third Division Forces.

2-Aircraft not Attacking:-

	"A" SQDN	"B" SQDN	"C" SQDN
A/C Scheduled to take-off	11 and 1	12 and 1	11 and 1
A/C Dispatched	11 and 1	12 and 1	11 and 1
A/C Attacking	10 and 1	10 and 1	9 and 1
A/C Not Attacking	1	2	2

100th "A" Squadron: A/C #42-6841 returned early due to mechanical reasons.

100th "B" Squadron: A/C #42-31767 returned early due to loss of oil in #1 engine.

A/C #42-38047 did not attack due to a malfunction of bombing equipment.

100th "C" Squadron: A/C #43-38945 and A/C #43-38476 did not attack due to malfunction of racks.

3- Losses: None.

4-Lead Bombardier, "A": The IP was made good and the bombing run was started in squadron formation. Visibility was CAVU all the way to the target, except in the target area itself, which was covered with ground haze. The only enemy opposition encountered was heavy, accurate flak. The target was picked up visually and the AP was located about 2 minutes before bombs away. The run was completely visual with no help from the mickey operator. There was no interference on the run. The 100 "A" squadron was leading with the "B" Squadron following about 15 seconds behind. "A" Squadron sighted for both rate and course. 11 A/C bombed the target with one aborting early on the mission.



## INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE

28 JANUARY 1945

1- 100"A"- Very good. Photographs show a loose pattern of bursts with two possible hits on bridge.

100"B"- Excellent. Photographs show an excellent pattern of bomb bursts on the highway bridge 1,000 yards north of the RR bridge.

100"C"- Very good. Photographs show a good pattern of bombs, mostly to the south of railway bridge with two or three direct hits on the bridge.

2- Flak: Bomb run from front lines to target- Meager to moderate, scattered localities, mostly inaccurate, with some accurate bursts.

Target area- Moderate to intense, barrage and tracking. Accurate on "A" Squadron, mostly inaccurate on "B" and "C" Squadrons.

3- Weather- Ground haze in target area. 10/10 to the south of target. CAVU to the north of target.

4- 100"A" and "C" Squadrons bombed the primary target visually. 100"B" bombed a target of opportunity, the bridge north of the primary target visually. While on the bomb run, there was poor visibility in the target area. The bombardier of 100"B", after synchronizing, put the cross hairs on the only bridge visible to him, which was the highway bridge a 1,000 yards north of the railroad bridge. The other bridge was obscured by haze and fog at this time.

5- Fighter support was excellent and rendezvous times were met.

6- Digest of crew comments: ... Right squadron lead should fly same level as lead to prevent wind differential and need for constant "S"ing... Lead excellent today... Need cover for tail guns... Permission never given to test fire guns or release chaff... Grease on first-aid scissors froze today and they wouldn't work to cut away wounded man's clothing...

COBOMGR ONE HUNDRED.

BOMB PLOT BRIDGES AND M/Y, DUISBURG, GERMANY.

28 JANUARY 1945

100A- Alt. 26,000  
 B- Alt. 27,600  
 C- Alt. 26,000  
 Bomb Load- 1000GP  
 Bombing Time:  
 1249-1314







049

Operational Narrative for 29 January 1945 Mission.  
Target: Kassel.

1-General Narrative: Forty-four aircraft including four PFF aircraft departed this base in formation at 0735-0819 hours. The 100th Bombardment Group flew as the 13th "B" Group, which was the second group in the Third Division Forces.

2- Aircraft not Attacking: Forty-four aircraft including four PFF aircraft departed this base.

	"A" SQDN	"B" SQDN	"C" SQDN	CHAFF SQDN
A/C Scheduled to take-off	11&1	12 & 1	12 & 1	5 & 1
A/C Dispatched	11&1	12 & 1	12 & 1	5 & 1
A/C Attacking	11&1	10 & 1	12 & 1	4 & 1
A/C Not Attacking	0	2	0	1

100th "B" Squadron: A/C #44-6841 returned early due to loss of gas.  
A/C #42-37972 returned early, due to engine trouble.

Chaff Force: A/C #43-38476 returned early as it could not catch formation due to late take-off.

Losses: None.

4- Lead Bombardier, "A": The turn at the IP was made on a DR., ETC. The weather reported in the target area was 7/10ths breaking up. We expected Mickey to bring us in on the target but he was unable to get the range. The 390th "A", "B", "C" were leading, followed by 100 "A". The navigator and bombardier were able to determine their position by pilotage through breaks in the clouds. From this point they picked up the town of Kassel and found they were left of course on a parallel heading. Bombardier saw target and swung on it with the secondary clutch. The new heading gave him considerable drift and the rest of the run (60 sec.) was used in killing course and rate. The target area was clear and sighting took about 60 seconds before bombs away. True altitude was 23,500 feet.



## INTELLIGENCE NARRATIVE 29 JANUARY 1945

1- 100 "A" bombed visually on Kassel and photos show bombing results to be good. Most of the bombs landed on MPI or immediately north of MPI and remainder fell very slightly to the NE of MPI.

100 "C" bombed visually on Kassel and photos show the bombing results to be fair. Most of the bombs must have fallen just NE of the target according to photos of the smoke bombs. 100 "B" split up its bombing with four A/C bombing Kassel and the remainder dropping PFF on Bielefeld with unknown results. 100 "B" mickey set was out so 100 "A" led them over Bielefeld and the mickey operator believes the bombs fell slightly north of the city.

2-Flak- Kassel area- Meager to moderate, low, inaccurate, scattered, saw flashes from AA guns just south of RR yards at MPI.

3-Weather- 10/10ths undercast all the way in and back except for the break over Kassel which all used for a visual run on the primary target.

4-Observations- a. Jamming on Gee Box was experienced today on both chains. Must be due to interference by Germans. b. 1255 hours, 5252N-0615E, 12,000 feet, 262 degree heading, saw a road that was cleared of snow and came to a dead stop as though going underground. A truck came onto the road as if from nowhere and stopped as "A" Squadron flew over. Could possibly be an underground factory. This entire area appeared to have much activity although there were attempts to camouflage it. Saw large areas cleared of snow in this area and numerous buildings were dispersed.

5- Fighter support was very good and was on time at rendezvous as briefed.

6- Digest of Crew Comments; ...Cotter pins should be smaller than holes in bombs so that they can be replaced easily if necessary... Suggest leaving English coast at higher altitude so that wind can be ascertained before reaching IP... Low squadron should fly parallel and level with lead and it would eliminate wind differential. When lead "S"'s to enable low and high to catch up, should maintain original heading. GP should be able to know where lead is at all times without hunting for it coming off target....

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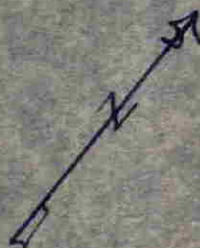


BOMB PLOT A.F.V. FACTORY AND M/Y, KASSEL, GERMANY.

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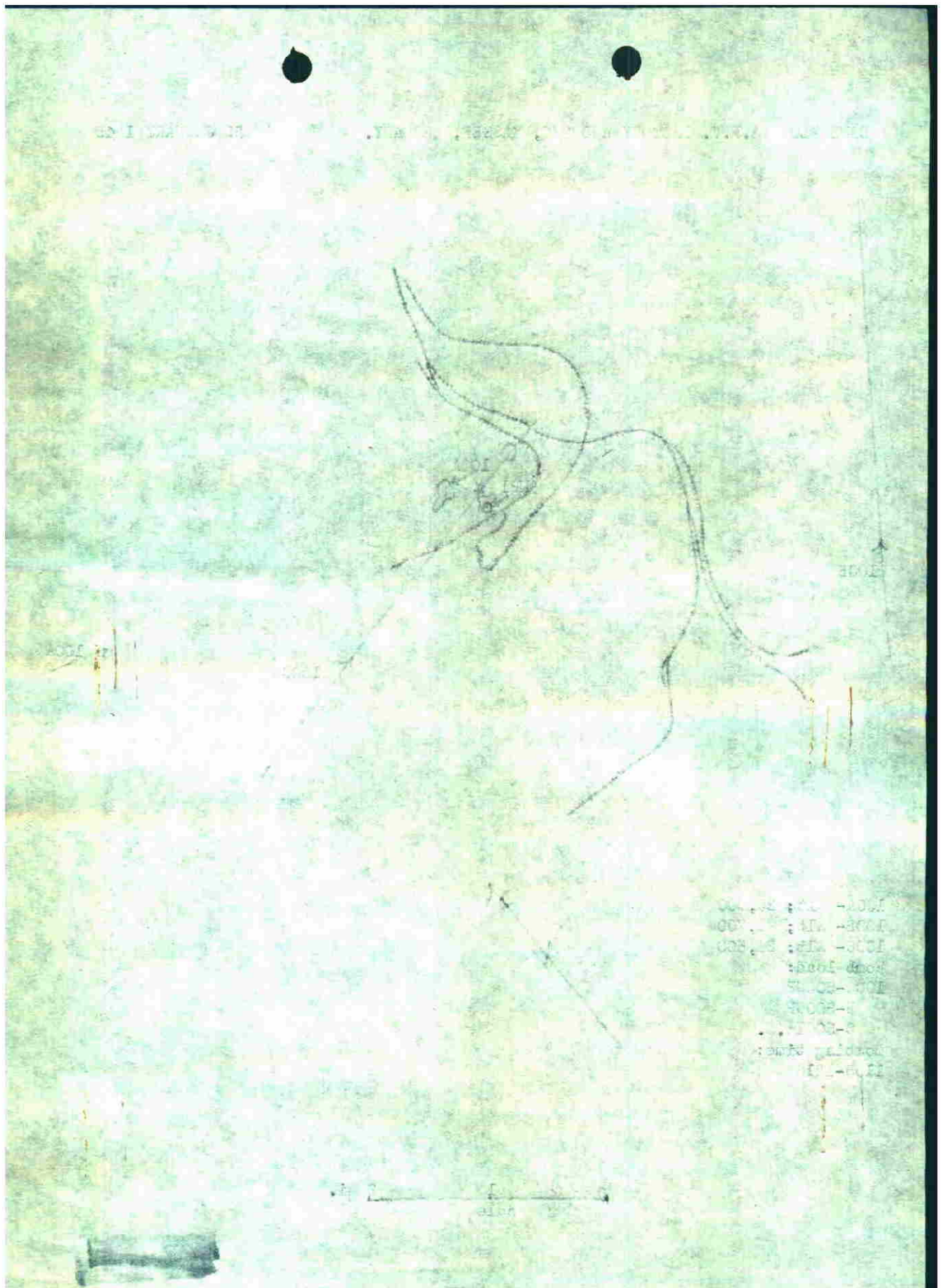


100A- Alt; 25,000  
100B- Alt; 26,700  
100C- Alt; 24,500  
Bomb load:  
100A-500GP  
B-500GP  
C-500In.B.  
Bombing time:  
1155-1216



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HAPPY WARRIORS

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Sorties</u>	<u>Date last sortie</u>
2nd Lt Richard A. Nesline	33	3 Jan.
1st Lt Cecil O. Daniels	35	3
1st Lt. Gordon A. Hansen	34	3
1st Lt Walter R. Radke	35	3
1st Lt Geo. T. Bartek	35	3
1st Lt Paul E. Kohlen	35	30 Dec.
1st Lt Rowland L. Hitrick	35	3 Jan
1st Lt WM. A. Marienthal	35	3
T/Sgt Albert M. Caldwell	30	5
S/Sgt Remi G. Eberetz	32	3
S/Sgt Leslie P. Mills	35	3
S/Sgt Jorgen N. Nielsen	35	3
T/Sgt Gilman H. Sylvester	35	3
T/Sgt Robt. C. Ault	35	3
S/Sgt Harold E. Murray	35	3
S/Sgt Phillip J. Galletta	35	3
S/Sgt Wm. E. Hunter Jr.	35	3
S/Sgt Norman G. Horenkamp	21	30 Dec.
1st Lt. John R. Reese	35	5 Jan.
1st Lt Stanley Russell	33	5
1st Lt. Frederick O. Leech	33	5
T/Sgt Frank Koehner	33	5
T/Sgt Robt. G. Woodville	33	5
S/Sgt Albert J. Viltro	33	5
S/Sgt Benj. T. Rogers	33	5
S/Sgt Earl H. Alexander	33	5
F/O Forrest A. Houdyschell	35	13
T/Sgt Paul J. Bowman	35	14
S/Sgt Wm. H. Anderson	35	14
S/Sgt Robt. B. Kazee	35	14
1st Lt Wilbert C. Ivosevic	35	6
1st Lt. Frederick V. Hernandez	35	6
1st Lt Duncan C. Gray	35	6
T/Sgt Charles W. Potts	35	6
T/Sgt Wm. L. Harris	35	6
S/Sgt Richard J. King	35	6
S/Sgt Levin W. Beasley	35	6
S/Sgt Coyte S. Hellard	35	6
1st Lt WM A Shannon	34	10
1st Lt. John Fabian Jr.	35	10
1st Lt Eric M. Campbell	35	10
T/Sgt Willard C. Mann	32	10
T/Sgt John Hasso Jr.	35	10
S/Sgt Lloyd K. Lamb	34	10
S/Sgt Levi J. Morse	35	10
S/Sgt Alex R. Rau	35	10
1st Lt Herschel C. Hopper	35	14
1st Lt. Willis L. Miller	35	14
2nd Lt Lloyd J. Hathaway	35	14

1st Lt Wm. M. Fratus	33	10 Jan.
1st Lt Gerald J. Klecker	33-	10
1st Lt Thomas I Anderson	33	20
1st Lt Frederick H. Schmidt	31	10
T/Sgt Michael Garenko	33	10
S/Sgt Angelo J. Cioffi	33	10
T/Sgt Glenn A. Smiley	33	10
S/Sgt Lewis E. Ferron	33	29 Dec.
T/Sgt Thomas M. Hill	31	29 Dec.
T/Sgt Calvin T. Dollar	31	29
S/Sgt George B. Frost	31	29
S/Sgt Mitch L. Moschner	31	29
S/Sgt James F. Cooper	31	29
S/Sgt Howard B. Bobb	28	29
S/Sgt Paul K. Miller	28	29
S/Sgt Lorenza D. Guthrie Jr	28	29
Sgt. Edw. A. Brinley	17	31
1st Lt Paul H. Hoff	33	6 Jan.
T/Sgt Wm. R. Hellen	30	17
Capt. Harry Tennenbaum	30	14
1st Lt. Van. A. Haire	35	17
T/Sgt Robt. Osuna	35	17
S/Sgt Lindsay J. Neal	35	17
S/Sgt Oliver E. Wainio	35	17
S/Sgt Wm. C. Martino	35	17
T/Sgt Fred E. Blake	33	17
1st Lt. Walter A. Charles	35	20
1st Lt Richard N. Ames	33	20
T/Sgt Robt. Georgi	35	20
S/Sgt Dana V. Cable	31	20
S/Sgt Edw. T. Ziemba	34	20
T/Sgt Lawrence J. Kelley	34	20
S/Sgt James H. Smith JR.	32	20
T/Sgt Earl E. Williams	35	31 Dec.
1st Lt. Wm. F. Urban	35	21 Jan.
1st Lt. John H. McLaughlin	35	20
1st Lt Walter E. Warner	35	20
Capt. Thomas M. Barrett	30	14
T/Sgt John Aleo	35	21
T/Sgt James C. Cox	35	21
S/Sgt John R. Carr	35	21
S/Sgt Junior A. Lamberson	35	21
S/Sgt Donald L. Allen	35	21
T/Sgt Collin A. Lockfield Jr	35	20
T/Sgt Caradino G. Digregorio	35	20
S/Sgt Roland M. Grunstead	35	20
S/Sgt Wm. L. Aycock	35	20
S/Sgt Marvin M. Wisotsky	35	20
1st Lt. Merrill Toburen	35	21
1st Lt James W. Peters	35	21
1st LT. Winston Hargrave	35	21
T/Sgt Carl C. Neely Jr.	24	2 Dec.
1st Lt Frederick G. Smith	35	21 Jan.
Capt. Paul L. Spurgeon	30	28



Capt. John V. Larson	30	21 Jan.
Capt. Ralph R. Searle	30	28
1st Lt. Constantine G. Sharanet	28	28
1st Lt James H. Maddox	30	28
T/Sgt Edw. S. Balozenick	30	28
T/Sgt Wm. R. Klein	30	28
S/Sgt Eugene M. Mowery	30	21
S/Sgt Louis S. Anderson	30	28
1st Lt Warren Marmorine	35	28
1st Lt Angelo D. Scotty Jr.-	34	28
1st Lt Edw. T. Chapman III	34	28
T/Sgt Donald B. Case	34	20
S/Sgt John F. Darr	34	28
S/Sgt John N. Sundquist	34	28
T/Sgt John S. Burke	32	28
1st Lt Edw. M. Kaminski	33	29
1st Lt Harry A. Sees	33	29
1st Lt Anthony Linakis	33	29
1st Lt Andrew J. Downing	33	29
F/O John C. Fields	35	29
S/Sgt Norman D. Smith	35	29
S/Sgt Lawrence J. McGarr	35	29
T/Sgt Walter E. Labede	35	29
1st Lt Edw. J. St. George	35	29
S/Sgt Calvin B. Karpela	34	29
T/Sgt Robt. A. Thirodeau	18	5
S/Sgt Darius O. Jessee	18	5
T/Sgt John C. Yumas	18	5
S/Sgt Dorcell Young	18	5
S/Sgt Robt. J. Levin	28	17

Jan. 9, 1945.





SUBJECT : Century Bombers Orchestra.

TO : Group Historian.

1. After a lay-off and reorganiza tion period of two months the Century Bombers resumed activities the week before New Years. During this week they played four dance jobs on the base.

2. During the month of Jan. they played six jobs on the base. Two of these were for the Officers Club, two for the Red Cross, one for the NCO and obe for the Big Top Club.

3. During the month of Jan. the orchestra started to play in the various mess halls during the evening meal as a booster to morale. From all comments and remarks it would seem that this particular activity on the part of the men in the band went over extremely well with the base personnel. Unfortunately they do not have sufficient time off to play more than once a week at a mess hall, which means that each of the four mess halls is visited once a month.

4. One job was played off the base for the ARC Aero Club at Debach.

5. New music stands were made by the members of the orchestra and were used for the first time this m nth. The orchestra also occupied afor the first time a building of their own which has been painted and fitted up by members of the band.

6/ Due to losses through combat the brass section is still minus two men, but we hope to find replacements in the near future.

JOHN C. WILLIAMS  
CAPT. A.C.  
ORCHESTRA LEADER

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ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
OFFICE OF THE CLUB CUSTODIAN

10 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT : DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES JANUARY 1945,  
CENTURY BOMBERS ORCHESTRA.

TO : GROUP HISTORIAN.

1. AFTER A LAY-OFF AND REORGANISATION PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS. THE CENTURY BOMBERS RESUMED ACTIVITIES THE WEEK BEFORE NEW YEAR. DURING THIS WEEK THEY PLAYED FOUR DANCE JOBS ON THE BASE.

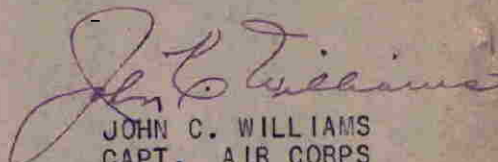
2. DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY THEY PLAYED SIX JOBS ON THE BASE. TWO OF THESE WERE FOR THE OFFICERS' CLUB, TWO FOR THE RED CROSS, ONE FOR THE N.C.O. CLUB AND ONE FOR THE BIG TOP CLUB.

3. DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY THE ORCHESTRA STARTED TO PLAY IN THE VARIOUS MESS HALLS DURING THE EVENING MEAL AS A BOOSTER TO MORALE. FROM ALL COMMENTS AND REMARKS IT WOULD SEEM THAT THIS PARTICULAR ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE MEN IN THE BAND WENT OVER EXTREMELY WELL WITH THE BASE PERSONNEL. UNFORTUNATELY THEY DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME OFF TO PLAY MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK AT A MESS HALL, WHICH MEANS THAT EACH OF THE FOUR MESS HALLS IS VISITED ONCE A MONTH.

4. ONE JOB WAS PLAYED OFF THE BASE FOR THE A.R.C. AERO CLUB AT DEBACH.

5. NEW MUSIC STANDS WERE MADE BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA AND WERE USED FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS MONTH. THE ORCHESTRA ALSO OCCUPIED A BUILDING OF THEIR OWN WHICH HAS BEEN PAINTED AND FITTED UP BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BAND THEMSELVES.

6. DUE TO LOSSES THROUGH COMBAT THE BRASS SECTION OF THE ORCHESTRA IS STILL MINUS TWO MEN, BUT WE HOPE TO FIND REPLACEMENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

  
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ORCHESTRA LEADER.



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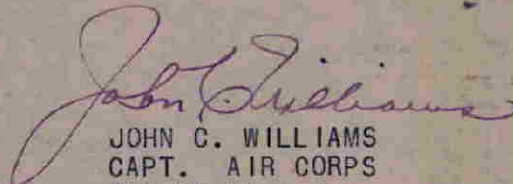
1. ON JANUARY 1ST THE CLUB WAS UNUSUALLY QUIET WITH NO EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED. THE BAR, HOWEVER, WAS KEPT OPEN MOST OF THE DAY.

2. TWO REGULAR DANCES WERE HELD ON THE 14TH AND 28TH. A DETERMINED EFFORT WAS MADE TO PROCURE A HIGHER TYPE OF GIRL FOR OUR OFFICERS' CLUB DANCES.

3. THE WEEKLY BINGO GAMES WERE CANCELLED DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF THE MONTH DUE TO THE SLACKENING OFF OF ATTENDANCE. THESE GAMES WILL BE RESUMED IN FEBRUARY.

4. AN EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE WITH CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN OBTAINING THE BETTER GRADES OF WHISKY FOR CONSUMPTION. THIS MEANS MUCH TOWARDS THE MORALE OF THE OFFICERS.

5. IT WAS TAKEN UP BY THE CLUB COUNCIL TO RAISE THE PRICE OF DRINKS AT THE BAR, BUT SINCE THE CLUB ITSELF IS STILL OPERATING ON A PROFIT, ALTHOUGH VERY NARROW, THEY DECIDED AGAINST IT. THIS ALSO IS A GOOD MORALE FACTOR.

  
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Superstitions Among Air Crews

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Charms, amulets, etc have been known, used, and carried in the very dawn of history. Most air crews carry something that would fall into this class -- a pair of baby shoes, a piece of flak that was a near miss, a rabbit's foot - the list is almost inexhaustible. A charm basically can have but one of two functions - it can either hold or repel. The charm may hold luck success, etc to it, therefore to the wearer it may repel bad luck, harm, evil, etc. Most men don't go into it very deeply and if questioned will reply simply "Oh, for luck", or "to keep away old devil flak", etc. Correlated with this is the carrying of a token of one type or another. The Knight going into combat once carried a scarf or glove of his lady of the moment on his lance or fastened to his helmet. Today, silk stockings, panties, etc serve the same purpose -- a reminder, a protection, and a gauge to be fought for.

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Report Submitted to S-1 Awards Section for Action on Suitable Award.

Personal Narratives of 2nd Lt. A.R. CALDER and Sgt. Joe C. Haller, Pilot and Radio Operator. This crew was taking part in their first operational mission.

Report of Lt. Calder:

Concerning flight of Wednesday, 10th of January, 1945. We were flying ship #808-Milk Run Mabel- #5 position, lead squadron. Approximately two minutes before target time we were hit by a burst of flak on the nose.

Navigator called me and reported damage bad. The second burst was approximately 20 seconds later, and waist gunner called and reported that control cables in the waist were shot away. The third burst a moment later struck the left wing at in-board aileron hinge setting the wing afire stopping aileron control and setting fire to outboard tanks.

We went on C-1, co-pilot holding elevation, myself holding the ailerons through C-1. Approximately thirty seconds later we got bombs away. Almost immediately after bombs away we received another burst that rolled us out of the formation to the right. We were able to right the ship with the use of C-1 and I called the navigator and asked him for a heading to the nearest Allied country. He gave me a heading of 230 degrees which we turned to, meanwhile letting down. I called the crew and asked for reports and told them to be ready to bail out. The ball gunner- Donnell- stayed at his position in the ball to better report condition of the fire. The tail gunner, -Briggs- also stayed at his position to report.

Approximately ten minutes after the wing was set afire, the ball gunner called me and reported that the fire was getting worse. We did not wish to bail out over Germany (and have my crew end up as prisoners) and at this time I called the navigator and asked for estimated position. He was unable to give me a gee fix as the first burst through the nose had knocked out the gee box.

His DR fix put us approximately 20 miles within Allied territory. I also asked him for wind drift from our present altitude to the ground and the reported winds would drift us towards Allied territory. The crew was told to stand by at bail-out positions. The ship was put on full C-1, until this time it had been merely aileron on C-1. The altitude at this time was 14,000 feet. Before leaving his position, the tail gunner called me and reported the fire was getting worse, and on looking at the wing I could see that the flame was beginning to come out in large bursts, so I called the crew on the phone and told them to bail out. The bombardier salvaged the bomb bay doors and hit the bail-out bell. The only difficulty encountered by the crew members on leaving the ship was their inability to pull the bail-out hinge pins. The last man left the ship at approximately 12,000 feet. The ship's engines were running beautifully. The in boards had been pulled back to allow escape from the waist door. The bombardier was unable to open the nose escape hatch so went out the bomb bay. The navigator finally opened the emergency door and went out that way. The co-pilot, pilot and engineer used the bomb bay door. The other crew members went out the waist and tail escape hatches. Approximate time of landing was 12:45 to :55.

20 to 30 seconds after leaving the ship, the wing either blew up or came off as the ship went into a steep spiral and crashed approximately 5 kilometres from the town of Gestel in Belgium. We were unable to visit the ship later due to the fact that the Prince Albert Canal was between us and the ship, and there were no bridges in the vicinity. The ship burned on crashing. A piece of the wing fell about 300 yards from the village of Gestel.



I would like at this time to commend all crew members for their exceptional behavior during the emergency, in particular, the tail and ball gunners for staying at their posts to report on the fire. My Flight Officer Burbach remained cool and was able to help the crew members by giving correct position, etc.

When the various crew members landed they did not know whether they were in Allied territory or not and took evasive tactics, preparatory, if necessary, to "walk out". The British troops who were searching for the remainder of the crew were unable to find them for six hours. The troops on whose territory we landed were the 129th Pioneers B.A.L. Through a mistaken report I was told that all crew members were safe, although we were not together due to the Prince Albert Canal. Part of the crew was returned to Brussels that night. The remainder- Sgts. Haller, Pitarra and Briggs- and myself stayed that night in the village of Meerhout and were sent out to Brussels the next morning where we put in contact with the Air Evacuation Unit.

Cpl. Whipple was the crew member who was missing and mistakenly reported safe, but who is at this time safe and returned to his base. I would like again to mention the extremely good fashion in which the crew reacted in this emergency.

#### Report of Sgt. Joe. C. Haller.

We were flying A/C #808 (Milk Run Mabel). The excitement started about the beginning of the bomb run, at which time I was busy discharging chaff from the radio room. Over the interphone, flak bursts were being reported from all positions of the ship. Suddenly I felt the plane jolt and I knew we were hit. The navigator reported the damage as the nose being badly hit. A second later the plane jolted again and the waist gunner described the damage aft of the radio room. I could hardly believe his report till I looked through the doorway and saw wires hanging from above and holes big enough to put ones head through all over the place. How Whipple ever escaped being injured is still a mystery to me. The third direct hit of flak we received a moment later was under the left wing. This caused a fire which was immediately reported by the ball turret operator. I also heard the pilot cussing because the aileron control was shot to hell. We continued on the bomb run though knowing that the bail out order would be given any second. All the while I was discharging chaff from the Radio room.

As soon as I heard "Bombs Away", I went to the waist position and no sooner had I done so when another burst of flak hit us. This time it splintered the Radio room floor, table, and putting the liaison receiver out of commission. When I reached the waist position I plugged in on interphone and heard the pilot say "Stand by to bail out". Immediately I went to the waist door and tried to open it. It would open alright but the safety pins wouldn't come out. (They must have been frozen there.) Whipple and I struggled with it for a minute or two and finally it gave. By this time the pilot had already given the order to bail out and the bell was ringing. I was the first to leave from the waist and delayed my jump approximately one minute.

The last fix I heard the navigator give the pilot was approximately twenty miles behind the Allied side of the line with a wind that should carry us toward Allied territory. I had no trouble with my chute opening but was worried about the heavy fog below me. I was afraid I might land in water so I tried to loosen myself from ~~from~~ the harness but found it impossible to do so. I drifted through the fog and at about treetop level the ground became visible. Fortunately I lit in the middle of a field and surprisingly all in one piece. I wasn't quite sure where I was at, so I gathered my chute together and hid it under the nearest hedgerow. After that I walked along a path for about a half mile then cut through a wooded area. When I came out into the clear again I ran into Pitarra and Briggs. The three of us sur-



mised that we were either in enemy territory or just on the line so we figured it a good policy not to approach any of the civilians. We rested a short while and tried to orient ourselves with the aid of the escape kit maps and compass, and also decided that it would be a good idea ~~XXXXXX~~ to split up instead of traveling in a group. Well, I was the first to leave and headed in a south-west direction. I imagine that I walked three or four miles before taking a second rest. It was at this time while laying under a hedgerow that a group of children passed, about the age of ten or eleven, speaking what I thought was the German or Dutch language. (Needless to say how much I sweat.) When I came out from hiding this second time, I accidentally walked into a farmer. There was no sense of running or hiding so I walked up to him and asked where I was at. He told me Belgium, and aided me in every possible way. It was at this farmer's house that a British Colonel found me. One hour later I was reunited with my pilot, Lt. Calder. Incidentally, when I parachuted from the plane, I landed in the country somewhere south of Moll or northeast of Meerhout. One more thing I would like to add to this account is the wonderful interphone discipline that was displayed among our crew during the crises.



HEADQUARTERS  
AAF STATION #139  
APO #559

G-A-1

19 February 1945


SUBJECT: Activities, Office of the Station Adjutant, January 1945.

TO : Station Historian, AAF Station #139, APO #559.

Administratively, January was a quiet month. We formulated some long range plans for the Inspection scheduled in February by the Commanding General, 3d Air Division -- checking on uniforms, supply of insignia, etc. During the month, the Commanding Officer presented a large number of Air Medals and several Purple Hearts and Bronze Star Medals.

Participation in an operational combat mission relieved the monotony a little, and afforded an opportunity to see and feel something of what a combat man experiences.

Little work was accomplished on the tenth, when a B-17 aircraft crashed into the bomb dump, starting a fire which set off a large number of bombs. The Headquarters bomb shelter was the scene of operation for part of the morning.

  
HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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HISTORICAL SECTION  
S-4, 100TH BOMB GROUP, (H)  
APO #559, U.S. ARMY

F-A-1

7 February 1945

SUBJECT: Historical Data, Station S-4 Section, January 1945.

TO : Ground Executive, 100th Bombardment Group (H), APO 559, U. S. Army.

1. To follow up the end of the year inspections made during the month of December, all supply sections on the station were again inspected in January to ascertain that discrepancies which previously appeared had been corrected. All sections were then informed of the forthcoming inspection to be made in February with instructions to maintain all equipment in the best possible condition.

2. A survey of all Quartermaster organizational clothing and equipment and all Air Corps T/O & E Equipment was made to determine existing shortages. All items essential for current operations were requisitioned and defective equipment turned in for replacement.

3. A critical shortage of type A-6 flying boots necessitated recalling all boots in possession of personnel other than those authorized the boots listed in T/O & E. Overshoes, Arctic were issued replacing type A-6 flying shoes.

4. The unusually cold weather presented a fuel shortage of coke. Measures were taken to insure that the coke supply would be sufficient through the cold spell. A thirty (30) percent cut in issue to all offices was made and the use of a coke fire between 0900 and 1700 in living quarters was prohibited.

5. Close check was made of the agricultural salt supply maintained for clearing the perimeter of ice and snow.

  
ROBERT D. McLain,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Sta S-4 Officer.

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OFFICE OF THE AIR INSPECTOR  
AAF STATION 139  
APO 559

H-A-1

7 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Resume of Activities for Month of January 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, AAF Station 139.

1. In compliance with Unnumbered Memorandum, your office, dated 10 October 1944, the following journal of activities of this office for the month of January is submitted for your information.

- January 1 - Air Inspector contacted Lt.Col. Utley, re: Inspection of units pending General Partridges arrival. Contacted Colonel Jeffrey re: Oil fires on line, VD rate, AWOLS, and record keeping on the part of squadrons.
- 2 - Air Inspector attended staff meeting. Contacted Major McLain re: Property turn over for new Service Group--suggested S-4 make detailed study of excess property on station. Technical Inspection of aircraft 43-37521, 351st Bombardment Squadron.
- 3 - Administrative Inspection of Combat EM's mess. Air Inspector inspected all Tech Supplies, perimeter, bomb area, Post Exchange, Station theatre. Administrative inspection of 349th and 350th Bombardment Squadrons. Technical Inspection of aircrafts 44-8503 and 44-6470.
- 4 - Administrative Inspection of 351st Bombardment Squadron. Technical Inspection aircraft 44-6841, 349th Squadron Engineering and Armament.
- 5 - Administrative inspection of Post Exchange, Red Cross, Big Top Club. Technical Inspection of 350th Armament, 351st Tech Supply, and 418th Tech Supply.
- 6 - Administrative inspection of Consolidated mess, 350th Bombardment Squadron. Air Inspector contacted Sgt. Alex, re: Post-war training. Administrative inspection of 349th council book. Air Inspector contacted Major Griswell, 3d Division, re: S-1 personnel, guard and defense teams. Air Inspector contacted Major Blakeslee, 13th Wing, re: comparative assignment of personnel on stations in wing. Technical Inspection of 349th Squadron Tech Supply.
- 7 - Technical inspection of Station Weather section and Station Photo section.
- 8 - Air Inspector contacted Major McLain, re: A-6 boots and arctics. Air Inspector attended meeting of new court martial board. Technical inspection of aircraft 44-6295, 418th Squadron Operations, 350th Tech Supply.
- 9 - Administrative inspection of Special Service Fund. Contacted Major Hosford, re: compliance with 3d A.D. Inst. 35-17, dd 2 Dec 1944; AAF Manual 35-1, dd 3 Apr 1944; AR's 615-25, 615-28. Air Inspector called Col. Sorrells, re: visit and inspection by General Partridge. Technical Inspection of 351st Armament, 351st Squadron Operations, aircraft 43-38681.



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- 10 - Air Inspector contacted Major Hosford, re: reclassification of E.M. and new morning report. Bomb area exploded by falling aircraft from Defam Green. Technical inspection of aircraft 42-2629, 350th Squadron Engineering, 418th Squadron Operations.
- 11 - Air Inspector inspected Bomb Dump. Technical inspection of 418th Squadron Armament.
- 12 - Administrative inspection of S-1, re: compliance with AAF manual 35-1, personnel accounting. Technical inspection of Station Equipment, Station Engineering, 351st Squadron Engineering, aircraft 43-39815.
- 13 - Air Inspector on trip to 390th Bomb Group. Air Inspector contacted Lt.Col. Sorrells, re: General Partridges inspection.
- 14 - Administrative inspection of S-1. Technical inspection of Station Bombsight.
- 15 - Air Inspector inspected 349th Squadron Supply in conjunction with Major McLain. Contacted Capt. Hollingsworth, re: Training Program. Inspected contemplated office of the Education Officer. Technical Inspection of Station Communications, aircrafts 44-8616 and 44-6817.
- 16 - Air Inspector contacted Major McLain, re: Radio tubes testing equipment and aircraft first aid packets. Inspected 351st Squadron Supply. Contacted Major Nielson, re: 3d A.D. inspection report of motor pool. Contacted Colonel Jeffrey, re: Proper driving lessons for officers to whom vehicles are assigned.
- 17 - Air Inspector called Major Varian, re: compliance with 3d A.D. Instruction 35-17, "Evaluation of Ground Officers". Called Major Hosford, re: Same. Called Capt. Seibert, re: Compliance with 8th AF Ltr. 430., subj: Transportation of Bread, dd 4 Jan 45. Called Capt. Scharding, re: Same. Inspected entire perimeter track, deficiencies noted: 349th Power plant building, 349th Nissen hut NE of hangar #2, No one in battle headquarters. Inspected bomb dump. Technical Inspection of aircraft 43-38770, 350th Squadron Operations.
- 18 - Administrative inspection of 350th Squadron Supply. Air Inspector contacted Major Hosford, re: New board. Administrative inspection of Station Utilities. Technical Inspection of Station Operations, aircraft 43-38047.
- 19 - Administrative Inspection of 418th Squadron Supply. Technical inspection of 418th Engineering.
- 20 - Air Inspector called Capt. Mathews, 3d A.D., re: M/Sgt. Harry J. Kelling. Conference arranged for Monday P.M. Complaint--Pvt. Russel Abel, 350th Bomb Squadron.
- 21 - Air Inspector called Major Blakeslee, 13th Wing, re: Placement of Captain Toomey. Technical inspection of aircrafts 44-6613, 43-31347, 44-8680. Capt. Clift called about new carburetor modification with a letter G after parts number. Sgt. Spence was given information on proper maintenance of P-AI time and subsequent certificates to be entered in form 5 and form 5 folders.
- 22 - Administrative inspection of 418th Squadron buildings and grounds. Air Inspector interviewed M/Sgt. Kelling. Contacted Col. Utley, re: Transfer of Sgt. Kelling to Headquarters--accomplished. Contacted Major Varian, re: Inspection of all units prior to Generals visit. Contacted Major McLain, re: Supply of Paint. Technical inspection of aircrafts 38852, 38963.

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- 23 - Administrative inspection of 418th Bombardment Squadron. Administrative inspection of 349th Bomb Squadron, 869th Chemical Company, 1285th M.P. Co., Air Inspector called 3d Air Division re: EM for infantry replacements. Check to be made of all equipment and records prior to departure, from station. Telephone conference 349th Bomb Squadron, re: Transfer to Hq. Det. of Air Inspector. Technical Inspection of aircrafts 8632, 31530, 38840, 6608, 6811, 8400, 3861. Call to Link Trainer section concerning 8th AF Ltr. 452.3, subj; Instrument Trainer Reports dated 13 Jan 1945. Called M/Sgt. Spangler, 351st Engineering about the complaints of Capt. Carelton on engines received from Sub Depot. Primer line are modified according to T.M.I. at Sub Depot. Carburetors are not all checked for Auto-mix locking clamps due to present rush in building up engines by Sub Depot, Parts are not available for installing fire extinguisher lines on all engines built up at Sub Depot. Capt. Miller called from Division about T.M.I. 03-10D-3 on installation of 150,000 ohm resistor in turbo amplifier which the Sub Depot is doing on all amplifiers when brought in for check. Call to Sgt. Ciotola about parts of wrecked airplane that were laying back of site 5 and 1 in farmers field.
- 24 - Air Inspector attended a board meeting on Pvt. Whitbeck to determine whether he should be discharged. Contacted Major McLain, re: Equipment to be carried by EM being transferred to France. Air Inspector attended meeting in Col. Utley's office. Telephone call to 3d A.D. re: Promotion of Pfc M. Ray, Finance section. Promoted under the provisions of WD Cir. 192, 27 Aug 1943. Technical Inspection of aircrafts 39005, 38945, Tech Inspection of Station Transportation.
- 25 - Air Inspector attended review of Pvt. Whitbeck hearing. Administrative inspection of 456th Sub Depot and 28th Station Complement Squadron, 351st Bombardment Squadron. Technical Inspection of 456th Sub Depot Supply and aircraft 44-6500.
- 26 - Air Inspector had conference with Major Hosford, re: Clearance for men going to Infantry. Administrative inspection of 350th Bomb Squadron. Complaints--Sgt. Murray and Pvt. Fresquey, 349th Bomb Squadron. Technical Inspection of Sub Depot Engineering. Conference with Major Rovegno about Squadrons turning in propellers to Sub Depot prematurely. Inspection of aircraft 44-8209.
- 27 - Air Inspector had conversation with Col. Utley, re: Inspection of personnel departing for infantry training. Inspection of Sub Depot metal shops.
- 28 - Inspection of all EM. to be transferred to Infantry. All records and equipment checked by Majors Hosford, McLain and Air Inspector. Tech Inspector checked carburetor that had been turned in with an engine. Carburetor had obviously salvaged parts installed on it by using personnel. Major Rovegno was satisfied.
- 29 - Report forwarded to 3d A.D. indicating compliance with provisions of 3d A.D. ltr. "Transfer of EM as Infantry reinforcements", dd 22 Jan 45. Tech Inspector observed the checking of 2 prop governors turned into prop shop for malfunctions. 1 tested OK and other had seat on high pressure relief valve. Acft 43-37517 crashed off of runway 28 while attempting to land. Could not investigate due to presence of bombs.
- 30 - Air Inspector had conference with Major Hosford, re: Physical examinations for all Service Group personnel to determine # available for transfer to Infantry for reinforcements. Contacted Capt. Baker 388th Bomb Group, re: Personnel. Telephone call to Major Blakeslee 13th Combat Wing. Contacted Capt. Hollingsworth, re: Information

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and Education Program.

- 31- Air Inspector called Major McLain, re: ETOUSA letter AG 400.258,  
PubGD, dated 21 December 1944, subj: "Use of Dubbing and Impregnite".



GEORGE F. ERB,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Station Air Inspector.

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STATION ORDNANCE OFFICE  
STATION NO. 139  
APO NO. 559

K-A-1

319.1

9 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Ordnance Activities Report for the Month of January.

TO : Station Ground Executive, AAF Station 139, APO 559.

ORDNANCE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1945.

AMMUNITION

Supply

1. During the month convoys from the depot transported to this Station a total of 1,150 tons of general purpose demolition bombs which were broken down into four equal quantities and stored in the squadron revetments.
2. Six hundred thirty-eight aircraft were loaded with a total of 1,910 tons of bombs including demolition and incendiary types. Of the tonnage of bombs loaded, 359 tons were unloaded and returned to the ammunition area.
3. The total tonnage of bombs handled by Ordnance personnel for the month was 3,419 tons.
4. Small arms ammunition consisting of 163,170 rounds of cartridges, cal..50, API were received. This ammunition was to replace that which had been previously expended and was stored in the ammunition area for future issue to the squadrons.
5. Small arms ammunition issued and expended for the month totals 39,050 rounds of cal..50, including all types.

Training

6. Three classes were held in which thirty-two bombardiers were instructed on functioning of Ordnance and Chemical fuzes and safety precautions to be observed. Detailed instructions were given as to procedure to be taken in emergencies, i.e., armed fuzes in the bomb-bay.

Salvage

7. The following salvage was turned in to Depot 545:

22,000 lbs. Fin Crates  
54,000 lbs. Miscellaneous Metal Scrap  
1,500 lbs. Metal Fin Crates  
2,000 lbs. Metal Shipping bands

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## ARMAMENT

### Maintenance

8. Compiled and forwarded report of expenditures of all spare parts for Gun, Machine, cal..50, M2 and hand and shoulder weapons along with expenditures of Ordnance General Supplies in accordance with letter dated 19 December 1944, Hq. 3d Bomb Division. This report covered all items issued from 1 January 1944 to 31 December 1944.

9. Fifteen Guns, Machine, cal..50, M2, basic, and thirty barrel assemblies cal..50 were decosmolined, technically inspected and a light coat of oil preservative applied to prepare weapons for shipment to squadrons.

10. The following weapons received third echelon maintenance and were returned to the using units:

- 2 ea. Gun, Mach., Cal..50, M2, Basic
- 1 ea. Gun, Sub-Machine, M1
- 3 ea. Shotgun, Auto., 12 Gage
- 3 ea. Rifle, Cal..30, M1903
- 9 ea. Carbine, Cal..30, M1

11. One Mortar, 3", Signal, British, was received, inspected and returned to using unit.

12. Four hundred forty-three carbines, cal..30, M1 were modified by replacement of hammer and hammer springs to reduce trigger pull, in accordance with Modification Work Order B-28-WL. A cross section of these weapons were test fired to determine effectiveness of the modification.

13. Seven brackets were designed and installed on ground defense machine guns to hold ammunition chest, cal..50, M17.

14. Fifteen Guns, Machine, Cal..50, M2, Basic and fifty barrel assemblies cal..50 were received from the squadrons, stripped of Air Corps equipment and technically inspected to determine serviceability. All were found to be unserviceable and were shipped to the depot as salvage.

15. Complete technical inspection was performed on all weapons of eleven organizations and of Station Defense. Reports were forwarded to responsible officers covering condition of weapons and steps for correction, if needed, were outlined.

### Supply

16. A large quantity of minor spare parts for Gun, Mach., Cal..50, M2 were received from the depot, cleaned, inspected and reissued to squadrons for use in second echelon repair.

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17. In order to bring stored weapons to the proper stock level, the following were received, inspected, made serviceable, boxed for shipment to the depot and dropped from the records:

153 ea. Pistol, Cal..45, M1911A1  
 5 ea. Gun, Machine, Cal..50, M2  
 13 ea. Recoiling parts complete, Cal..50, M2  
 30 ea. Barrel Assemblies, Cal..50, M2

18. Cleaning and preserving materials were issued to all organizations in sufficient quantities to perform first echelon maintenance on all weapons.

#### AUTOMOTIVE

Second Echelon Maintenance (Performed in Second Echelon Shop organized for maintenance of Ordnance Special Purpose Vehicles.)

19. Six months service inspection was performed on one truck, bomb service; fifteen day service inspection was performed on twenty-six trucks, fifty-two trailers, bomb service.

20. Twenty-six trucks and forty-eight trailers were greased after one month service, according to TM 9-765, Par. 13.

21. Eight trucks, bomb service have received oil change for monthly services.

22. Twenty-six trucks have had lights changed according to manufacturers specification in compliance with memorandum received.

23. Minor adjustments were made on distributors and carburetors on all type vehicles.

#### Third Echelon Maintenance

24. The following vehicles were received for third echelon repair, the work was completed and the vehicles returned to the organizations requesting the work:

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Inspection</u>	<u>Minor Repair</u>	<u>Major Repair</u>
Truck, 1/4 ton, 4 X 4		18	10
Personnel carrier, 1 1/2 ton, Dodge	1	4	
Truck, 3/4 ton, 4 X 4, Dodge	1	6	3
Truck, 1 1/2 ton, 4 X 4, Chev.	1	5	1
Truck, 2 1/2 ton, 6 X 6, GMC		7	1
Truck, Tractor, F-1		1	
Generator Units		2	

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<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Inspection</u>	<u>Minor Repair</u>	<u>Major Repair</u>
Truck, 1½ ton, 4 X 4, BST		3	2
Truck, 3 ton, Dodge, British			1
Bus, 3 ton, 6 X 6, Ford		3	
Truck, 5 ton, 6 X 4, Studebaker		1	
Truck, 3/4 ton, 4 X 4, Dodge			
Ambulance		10	1
Truck, fork lift, Clarktor		1	
Truck, Crash, 1½ ton, 4 X 2		3	
Trailer, Semi, Gas., 4,000 gal.		1	
Tug		1	
	<u>3</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	3	66	19

25. The following vehicles were deadlined for lack of parts for the time indicated before being repaired and continued in service:

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Time Deadlined</u>
Cletrac, HS, M2	1	4 weeks
Truck, 3 ton, Dodge, British	1	2 weeks
Truck, Tractor, 7½ ton, F-1	1	4 weeks
Truck, 3/4 ton, Ambulance	1	1 week
Truck, 5 ton, Studebaker	1	2 weeks

26. Mud guard brackets for base vehicles and bow corner for one truck were manufactured and installed by the welding department.

27. Two sets of valves for truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4 were slotted in accordance with instructions received from 3d Air Division.

28. Shackel bolts for cletracs and valve inserts for one Bus, Ford, British were manufactured by the machine shop department.

29. Seven brackets were manufactured for holding ammunition chests, Cal..50, M17.

#### Salvage

30. The following salvage was turned in to Depot 595:

1,600 lbs. Miscellaneous Metal Scrap  
 500 lbs. Rubber  
 175 lbs. Batteries  
 25 lbs. Bulbs and Spark Plugs

*Robert J. Major*  
 ROBERT J. MAJOR  
 Capt., Ord. Dept.,  
 Station Ord. Officer.



H I S T O R Y

456TH SUB-DEPOT

J A N U A R Y

1945

I N D E X

- I. History of Administration Section for January 1945
- II. History of Technical Supply for January 1945
- III. History of Engineering Section for January 1945

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HEADQUARTERS  
456TH SUB-DEPOT  
APO 636

6 February 1945

HISTORY - JANUARY 1945  
ADMINISTRATION

The Engineering Department and Technical Supply Department have continued to maintain a high record of efficiency for the month of January. The Engineering Department has continued to repair and place in an operational status all aircraft turned over to it for repair. The Technical Supply Department has maintained its high record by supplying all types of parts and materials with the least practical delay.

This organization transferred Pfc. Furman J. Mattison, 34652811, Pfc David F. Morrison, 34651901, Pfc Sheldon N. Yohn, 33507047 and Pvt. Clarence E. Johns, 33284901, to a Reinforcement Depot to receive Infantry training.

Pvt. Harry G. Angelakis, 19083540, was lost to the organization as he was transferred to another station.

Sgt. Charles S. McMurdo, 36145808, entered the hospital on 3 January 1945 and was lost to this organization on the 11 January 1945 as he was transferred to the Detachment of Patients, 65th General Hospital to await shipment to the Zone of Interior. The men were all sorry to see Sgt. McMurdo leave as he was very well liked.

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History of the 456th Sub-Depot - Tech Supply  
January 1945

During January this department filled approximately ninety-six percent (96%) of all priority requisitions presented to it. Tech Supply has maintained this enviable record for over eleven (11) consecutive months.

In order to give a pictorial record of the work of Tech Supply, during January the Photo Shop made numerous pictures of the personnel and of the work being carried out. Group pictures were also made which are very interesting to the men of this command who have worked together for so long.

Cold weather and deep snow prevented much exterior activity but this department continued to improve the interior of all the buildings during the time they were forced indoors.

CONTINUATION OF THE HISTORY  
of the  
456TH. SUB-DEPOT ENGINEERING SECTION  
January 1, 1945 to February 1, 1945

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## HISTORY OF THE 456TH. SUB-DEPOT ENGINEERING

## I. PERSONNEL &amp; TRAINING

1. The personnel of this section has not changed.
2. Cross Training of personnel are as follows:
  - a. 2 EM cross trained from 686 to 747
  - b. 2 EM cross trained from 550 to 747
  - c. 1 EM cross trained from 548 to 747

## II. GENERAL

1. This section has repaired twenty-four battle damaged aircrafts.
2. This section has completed six hundred forty-eight work orders.

## III. EQUIPMENT

1. The equipment authorized for this section and its men has been increased approximately five (5) per cent.

## IV. DEPARTMENTS

1. Electrical Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed sixty-four (64 ) Work Orders.
2. Welding Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed seventy-one (71) Work Orders.
3. Machine Shop
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed fifty-seven (57) Work Orders.
4. Wood Mill
  - a. Personnel status for this department has been changed by the cross training of two members to Aero Repair & Engine Build-Up.
  - b. This department has completed thirty (30) Work Orders.
5. Propeller Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed sixty-six (66) Work Orders.
6. Paint & Dope Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has been changed by the corss training of one member to Engine Build-Up Section.
  - b. This department has completed fifty-three (53) Work Orders.
7. Instrument Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has been changed by the cross training of two members to Engine Build-Up.
  - b. This department has completed eighty-nine (89) Work Orders

8. Parachute Department

- a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
- b. This department has packed approximately nine hundred parachutes and in addition has completed fifty-eight (58) Work Orders.

9. AERO REPAIR & ENGINE BUILD UP

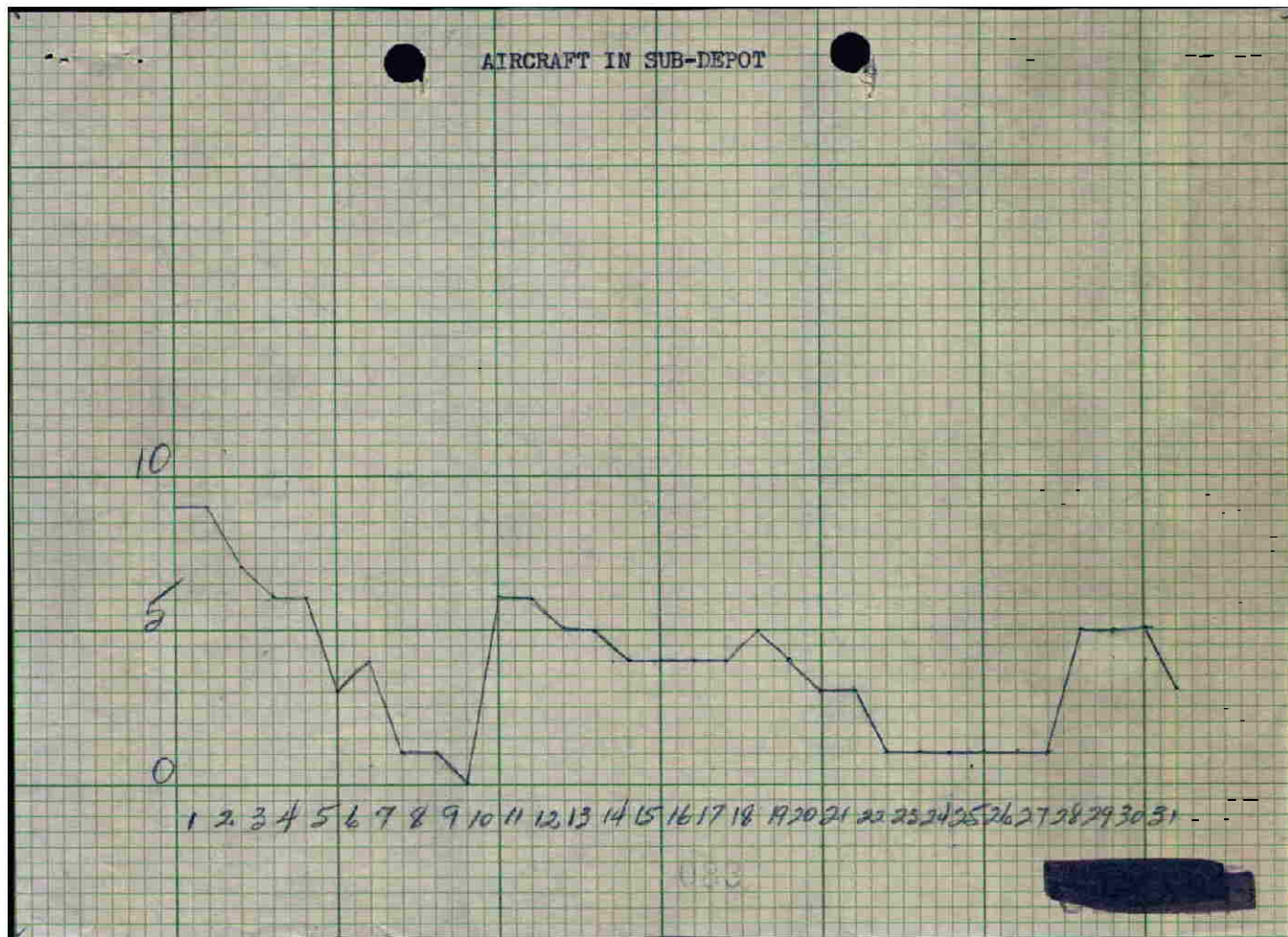
- a. The personnel status for this department has been changed by the cross training of five (5) Enlisted Men from the various shops.
- b. This department has completed eighty-eight (88) Work Orders.

10. Sheet Metal Department

- a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
- b. This department has completed seventy-two (72) Work Orders.

*Raymond J. Mead*  
RAYMOND J. MEAD  
Major, Air Corps  
Engineering Officer

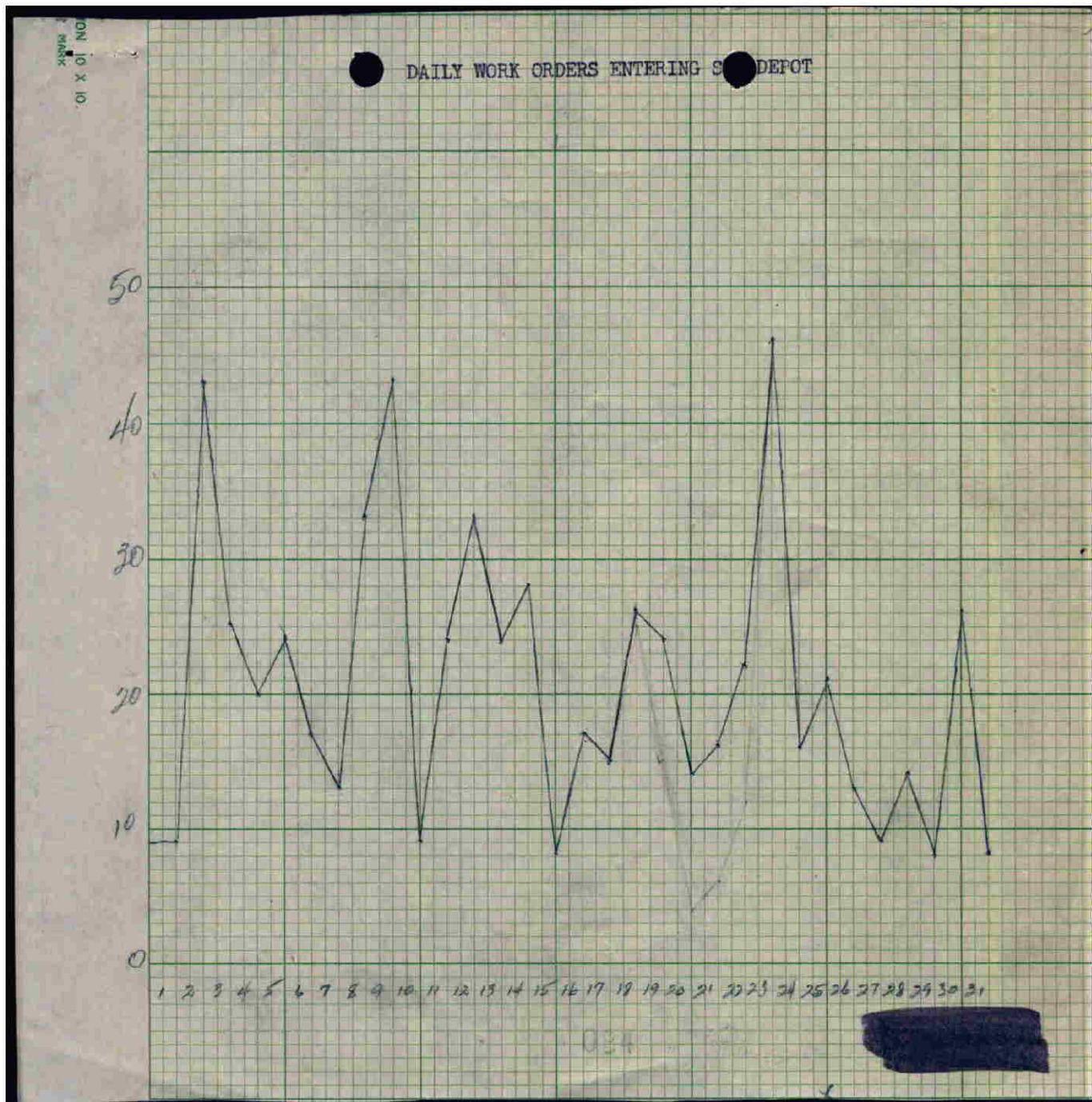




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HEADQUARTERS  
ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF  
Office of the Station Engineering Officer  
APO 559

5 January 1945

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report on Mission 5 January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF

AIRCRAFT #6505

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #58414

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #37517

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #87071

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #8632

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

EUGENE ROVEGNO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.



FRANKLIN  
O. H. HUNTER, JR.  
Office of the Executive Engineering Officer  
A-10-100

January 1948

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report on Mission 5 January 1948  
TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H) A-10

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1. Squadron report. Cat. A. War damage.

A-10-100-101

1. Squadron report. Cat. A. War damage.

A-10-100-102

1. Squadron report. Cat. A. War damage.

A-10-100-103

1. Squadron report. Cat. A. War damage.

A-10-100-104

1. Squadron report. Cat. A. War damage.

ENGINE ROOMS  
Major, Air Corps  
Engineering Officer



HEADQUARTERS  
ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF  
Office of the Station Engineering Officer  
APO 559

6 January 1945

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report for Mission 6 January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF

AIRCRAFT #8512

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #8226

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #38437

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #6805

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #38770

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

EUGENE RIVEGNO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.



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800761- Pacific Islands - Report for Mission 8 January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 130th Ordnance Group (B) A4

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HEADQUARTERS  
ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF  
Office of the Station Engineering Officer.  
APO 559

10 January 1945

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report Mission 10 January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF

AIRCRAFT #8532

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #38514

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #6470

1. Hole in #4 oil tank, change.
2. Hole in leading edge of right inner wing panel hitting air duct. skin.
3. Hole in right aileron., change.
4. Hole in right horizontal stabilizer cutting rig.
5. Hole in left side of fuselage at station 6J, skin.
6. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #37972

1. Hole in leading edge of right inner wing panel hitting air duct.
2. Hole in right outer wing panel, skin and corrugation.
3. Hole through right inner wing panel, skin.
4. Hole in left horizontal stabilizer, change.
5. Hit on ball turret hangar bearing, change.
6. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #8334

1. Hole in right wing gap cutting longitudinal stringer.
2. Hole in trailing edge of right inner wing panel going thru flap. change.
3. Hole thru trailing edge of right horizontal stabilizer, change.
4. 3 holes in right side of fuselage at station 6D, skin.
5. Hole in left side of fuselage at station 6C, cutting longitudinal stringer.
6. 2 holes in left inner wing panel possible tokio tank change.
7. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #38315

1. Hole in #2 nacelle cutting oil lines.
2. Hole in compass loop antennae, change.
3. Holes in trailing edge of right inner wing panel and flap.
4. Hole in right wing gap, damage unknown.
5. 2 holes in leading edge of right inner wing panel, damage unknown.
6. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #38476

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.



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AFB 550  
10 January 1945

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TO: Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF

ALSO: 100th

1. Station repair. Cat. A. Risk damage.

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1. Station repair. Cat. A. Risk damage.

ALSO: 100th

1. Hole in left oil tank, change.
2. Hole in leading edge of right inner wing panel hitting air duct.
3. Hole in right oil tank, change.
4. Hole in right horizontal stabilizer cutting rig.
5. Hole in left side of fuselage at station 67, skin.
6. Station repair. Cat. A. Risk damage.

ALSO: 100th

1. Hole in leading edge of right inner wing panel hitting air duct.
2. Hole in right outer wing panel, skin and corrugation.
3. Hole in right inner wing panel, skin.
4. Hole in left horizontal stabilizer, change.
5. Hole in left horizontal stabilizer, change.
6. Station and Sub-Station repair. Cat. A. Risk damage.

ALSO: 100th

1. Hole in right wing flap cutting longitudinal stringer.
2. Hole in trailing edge of right inner wing panel going over flap.
3. Hole in trailing edge of right horizontal stabilizer, change.
4. 3 holes in right side of fuselage at station 67, skin.
5. Hole in left side of fuselage at station 67, cutting longitudinal stringer.
6. 3 holes in left inner wing panel possibly tank change.
7. Station and Sub-Station repair. Cat. A. Risk damage.

ALSO: 100th

1. Hole in left fuselage cutting oil lines.
2. Hole in fuselage loop antennae, change.
3. Holes in trailing edge of right inner wing panel and flap.
4. Hole in right wing flap, damage unknown.
5. 2 holes in leading edge of right inner wing panel, damage unknown.
6. Station and Sub-Station repair. Cat. A. Risk damage.

ALSO: 100th

1. Station repair. Cat. A. Risk damage.



## AIRCRAFT #8226

1. Hole in left inner wing panel hitting #1 main tank, change.
2. Hole in Pilot's window.
3. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #8503

1. Hole thru front escape hatch cutting wires and control cables.
2. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #8512

1. Hole in left inner wing panel hitting main spar.
2. 2 holes in left inner wing panel, skin.
3. Hole thru left flap, skin.
4. Hole in right horizontal stabilizer, skin.
5. 3 holes in fuselage between bulkhead 8 and 9.
6. Hole in trailing edge of right inner wing panel cutting gusset plate and diagonal.
7. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. A5. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #8613

1. Hole in #4 nacelle, damage unknown.
2. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #38414

1. Hole in #4 nacelle cutting primer lines and Spar.
2. Hole in leading edge of left inner wing panel, skin.
3. Hole in tail cone, skin.
4. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #6297

1. Hole in left outer wing panel possible #1 tokio tank change.
2. Hole in leading edge of right outer wing panel hitting air duct.
3. Hole in #3 nacell hit oil tank.
4. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #102958

1. Hole in left inner wing panel hit #9 tokio tank, change.
2. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #6379

1. Hole in #1 and #3 Super chargers, change.
2. Holes in right and left horizontal stabilizer, change.
3. Holes in right and left elevators, change.
4. Hole in left innerwing panel hitting rear spar.
5. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #38610

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #38770

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #6613

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #38862

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.



ALTIMET 48823  
 1. Hole in left inner wing panel hitting #1 main tank, damage.  
 2. Hole in #10's window.  
 3. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.

ALTIMET 48803  
 1. Hole in left inner wing panel hitting #1 main tank, damage.  
 2. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.

ALTIMET 48812  
 1. Hole in left inner wing panel hitting main spar.  
 2. Hole in left inner wing panel, skin.  
 3. Hole in left inner wing panel, skin.  
 4. Hole in left inner wing panel, skin.  
 5. Hole in left inner wing panel, skin.  
 6. Hole in left inner wing panel, skin.  
 7. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.

ALTIMET 48811  
 1. Hole in #4 nacelle, damage unknown.  
 2. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.

ALTIMET 48812  
 1. Hole in #4 nacelle cutting primer lines and #10's tank.  
 2. Hole in left inner wing panel, skin.  
 3. Hole in left inner wing panel, skin.  
 4. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.

ALTIMET 48821  
 1. Hole in left outer wing panel hitting #10's tank, damage.  
 2. Hole in left outer wing panel hitting #10's tank, damage.  
 3. Hole in #4 nacelle and oil tank.  
 4. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.

ALTIMET 48820  
 1. Hole in left inner wing panel hitting #3 tank, damage.  
 2. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.

ALTIMET 48820  
 1. Hole in #1 and #2 superchargers, damage.  
 2. Holes in right and left horizontal stabilizer, damage.  
 3. Holes in right and left elevators, damage.  
 4. Hole in left inner wing panel hitting #10's tank, damage.  
 5. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.

ALTIMET 48812  
 1. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.

ALTIMET 48870  
 1. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.

ALTIMET 48812  
 1. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.

ALTIMET 48823  
 1. Squab and Sub-depot repair. Cat. AD. Flak damage.



AIRCRAFT #8616

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #6817

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #37636

1. Hole in leading edge of right inner wing panel in fairing of #4 nacelle damageing fire wall.
2. Hole in leading edge of left inner wing panel damage unknown.
3. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #38525

1. Hole in left outer wing panel hitting #9 tokio tank, change.
2. Hole in left inner wing panel, skin and corrigation.
3. Hole in right outer wing panel hitting #2 tokio tank, chang.
4. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

  
EUGENE ROVIGNO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.



ALTIMET 45810

1. Station report. Oct. 1. Risk damage.

ALTIMET 45817

1. Station report. Oct. 1. Risk damage.

ALTIMET 45738

1. Hole in leading edge of right inner wing panel in failing of 4 rivets.
2. Hole in leading edge of left inner wing panel in failing of 4 rivets.
3. Station and sub-report report. Oct. 1. Risk damage.

ALTIMET 45835

1. Hole in left outer wing panel in failing of 4 rivets.
2. Hole in left inner wing panel, skin and rivets.
3. Hole in right outer wing panel in failing of 4 rivets.
4. Station and sub-report report. Oct. 1. Risk damage.

ALTIMET 45835

Station and sub-report report. Oct. 1. Risk damage.



HEADQUARTERS  
ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF  
Office of the Station Engineering Officer  
APO 559

13 January 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report for Mission 13 January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF

AIRCRAFT #37521

1. Flak went in top of right wing directly behind #4 nacelle and came out thru wing flap. Supercharger cable cut causing supercharger to run away resulting in engine failure; #3 feedertank was punctured; a rib was cut and corrugation damaged.
2. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

  
EUGENE ROVIGNO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.



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10 January 1962

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report for Mission 10 January 1962

TO: Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (B), 100th

THREAT REPORT

1. First wave in top of right wing directly behind the middle and came out from wing (left). Second wave came out from wing (right) and came out from wing (left). Third wave came out from wing (left) and came out from wing (right). Fourth wave came out from wing (left) and came out from wing (right). Fifth wave came out from wing (left) and came out from wing (right). Sixth wave came out from wing (left) and came out from wing (right). Seventh wave came out from wing (left) and came out from wing (right). Eighth wave came out from wing (left) and came out from wing (right). Ninth wave came out from wing (left) and came out from wing (right). Tenth wave came out from wing (left) and came out from wing (right).
2. Submarine and sub-depot report. Submarine report. Sub-depot report.

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HEADQUARTERS  
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Office of the Station Engineering Officer  
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14 January 1945

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report for Mission 14 January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF

AIRCRAFT #6613

1. Hole thru right horizontal stabilizer, spar damaged. (change)
2. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #8009

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #6806

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #38476

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT 31412

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #97071


1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT 97673

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #38414

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

  
EUGENE ROVETTO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.



MEMORANDUM  
ONE HUNDREDTH AIRBORNE AIRBORNE GROUP (2) 1947  
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff  
A-10 833  
10 January 1948

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report for Mission 14 January 1948  
TO: Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H) 833

1. Note that right horizontal stabilizer after damaged (cracked)  
2. Position and Gun-Damage Report: Det. A. 1st damage.

AIRCRAFT 40000  
1. Squadron report: Det. A. 1st damage.

AIRCRAFT 40000  
1. Squadron report: Det. A. 1st damage.

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AIRCRAFT 40000  
1. Squadron report: Det. A. 1st damage.

CHIEF, 100TH AIRBORNE GROUP  
Major, Air Corps  
Bombing Officer



## HEADQUARTERS

ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF

Office of the Station Engineering Officer

APO 559

17 January 1945

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report for Mission 17 January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF

## AIRCRAFT #6613

1. Hole in leading edge of left inner wing panel, skin damage.
2. Hole in left side of fuselage above front escape hatch, circumferential stiffener cut.
3. Hole thru window of main escape hatch, mounting bracket for tail wheel retracting motor out.
4. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #31767

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #31530

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #38852

1. Squadron repair, Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #38047

1. Squadron repair, Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #8613

1. Flak hit #2 push rod on #2 engine, possible engine change.
2. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #102958

1. Hole in leading edge of right inner wing panel, #7 tokyo tank change.
2. Hole in bottom of right outer wing panel, #1 tokyo tank change.
3. Flak passed between #7 and #8 cylinders of # 3 engine and into impeller wheel, engine change.
4. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #38476

1. Hole in left front of bomb bay, spar and main diagonal damaged.
2. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak Damage.

## AIRCRAFT #8226

1. Hole in under side of left inner wing panel, #7 tokyo tank change.
2. Hole in under side of right inner wing panel, # 8 tokyo tank change.
3. Hole in rudder fabric.
4. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #38437

1. Hole in under side of nose at station 3B, stringer cut, wires out and AFCE damaged.
2. Hole in left flap and thru wing panel, skin damage.
3. Hole in left outer wing panel, skin damage.
4. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #6297

1. Squadron repair, Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #8503

1. Squadron repair, Cat. A. Cartridge case damage.

## AIRCRAFT #38975

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #37517

1. Approximately 50 holes in left outer wing panel, aileron and wing tip; all to be changed. Also # 1, 3, and # 5 tokyo tanks to be changed.
2. Several holes in left inner wing panel and wing flap; #7 tokyo tank to be changed; rib, stiffeners and stringers out and possible other internal damage.
3. Several holes in #1 nacelle, possible internal damage.
4. Several holes in fuselage; longerons cut, oxygen regulator torn off radio compartment wall, bulkhead 6A damaged and several stringers cut.
5. Numerous holes in dorsal fin, several stringers cut.
6. Several holes in vertical stabilizer, skin damage.
7. Hole in left horizontal stabilizer, rib out and skin damage.
8. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #6817

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #97230

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #37636

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

EUGENE ROVEGNO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.



HEADQUARTERS  
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Office of the Station Engineering Officer  
APO 559

21 January 1945

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report for Mission 21 January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF

AIRCRAFT #37972

1. Right elevator change.
2. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #37521

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #31530

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #8632

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #6505

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #37811

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

EUGENE ROVEGNO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS  
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APO 559

29 January 1945

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report for Mission 28 January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF

AIRCRAFT #38770

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #38602

1. Two holes in right inner wing panel, hitting #7 tokio tank.
2. Hole in #3 supercharger heat duct.
3. Hole in right bomb bay door, skin.
4. Hole in right inner wing panel hitting #2 feeder tank, change.
5. Hole in right inner wing panel, hit diagonal brace.
6. Hole in #3 exhaust stack and out thru fire wall.
7. Hole in leading edge of left inner wing panel.
8. Holes in left wing tip, change.
9. Holes in leading edge of left and right horizontal stabilizers skin.
10. Numerous holes in fuselage, skin.
11. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair, Cat AC. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #6608

1. Hole in right outer wing panel hit #7 tokio tank, change.
2. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #38681

1. Hole in #3 exhaust stack cutting oil temperature regulator line and hitting propellor.
2. Hole in right waist at station 6B, skin.
3. Hole in top of leading edge of right horizontal stabilizer and elevator, change.
4. Hole in right stabilizer, skin.
5. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #98015

1. Holes in right inner wing panel hitting #6 & #7 tokio tank. Change.
2. Three holes in left inner wing panel, skin and corrugation.
3. Hole in vertical stabilizer, skin.
4. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat AC. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #38865

1. Hole in right outer wing panel, skin and corrugation.
2. Hole in right side of dorsal fin, cutting stringer.
3. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.



## AIRCRAFT #38975

1. Hole in plexi-glass nose.
2. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #8400

1. Hole in left wing gap hitting front main spar.
2. Three holes in left inner wing panel, skin and corrugation.
3. Numerous holes in dorsal fin, skin.
4. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat AC. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #8613

1. Hole in right side of nose, hit stringer.
2. Hole in right side of fuselage passing thru bulk head #8
3. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat AC. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #6500

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #8503

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #38840

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #37811

1. Hole in left outer wing panel hitting #4 tank, change.
2. Hole in ignition harness #2 engine, change.
3. Hole in station 3A cutting circumferential stiffener.
4. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak Damage.

## AIRCRAFT #97230

1. Hole in leading edge of right inner wing panel hitting #4 main tank
2. Squadron and Sub-Depot repair. Cat. AC. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #8220

1. Hit on #1 engine. change.
2. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #39005

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #37517

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

## AIRCRAFT #37636

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak Damage.

## AIRCRAFT #38945

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

EUGENE ROVEGNO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.

HEADQUARTERS  
ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF  
Office of the Station Engineering Officer  
APO 559

30 January 1945

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report for Mission 29 January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF

AIRCRAFT #8532

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #8226


1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #6613

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

AIRCRAFT #8945

1. Squadron repair. Cat. A. Flak damage.

  
EUGENE ROVIGNO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.

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## MONTHLY RECORD OF ENGINE CHANGES

From 100 Bomb Group To A-4 Engineering 3d Bombardment DivisionMonth of January 1944. Attention: Col. Kurtz.

ENGINE	TIME SINCE INSTALLED	NEW ENGINE	OVERHAULED ENGINE	REASON CHANGED
SW-005428	209:35		X	Internal Failure
SW-007756	209:35		X	Overboost
SW-018017	Unknown			Overboost
SW-022041	52:10		X	Battle Damage
SW-006815	730:05	X		High combat time & Overboost
SW-007056	170:45		X	Overboost
42-80344	170:45		X	Overboost
43-145809	144:00		X	Overboost
SW-028956	56:00	X		Sheared Reduction Gears
41-41406	172:15		X	High Oil Consumption
SW-016358	321:40	X		Sheared Reduction Gears
SW-021748	383:00	X		Internal Failure
SW-010424	247:15		X	Overboost
SW-013973	247:15		X	Overboost
42-77851	247:15		X	High Oil Consumption
SW-016091	247:15		X	Overboost
41-56837	275:50		X	Internal Failure
SW-006383	62:05		X	Runaway prop
SW-025193	345:45	X		Low Compression
SW-010064	120:45		X	Low Compression
SW-025050	407:00	X		Low Compression
SW-009949	183:15		X	High Combat Time
43-64088	208:15		X	Low Compression
43-64113	243:35		X	Internal Failure
41-54938	208:15		X	High Combat Time
43-63915	15:40		X	Internal Failure
SW-021001	301:30	X		Ran Rough at Altitude
SW-021008	301:30	X		Ran Rough at Altitude
SW-021023	301:30	X		Ran Rough at Altitude
SW-021025	301:30	X		Internal Failure
SW-022322	Unknown		X	Internal Failure
SW-006994	02:30		X	Internal Failure
SW-002456	Unknown		X	High Oil Consumption
SW-021100	306:35	X		High Oil Consumption
43-63701	33:20		X	Battle Damage
SW-024791	188:35	X		Low Compression
43-145842	235:45		X	Internal Failure
SW-696	129:15		X	Internal Failure
SW-002231	235:45		X	Internal Failure
SW-015070	129:15		X	High Oil Consumption
43-61912	138:25		X	Internal Failure
40-4578	297:45		X	Battle Damage
43-56216	97:45		X	High Oil Consumption & Low Comp.
SW-026069	341:00	X		Low Compression
SW-013109	20:15		X	Internal Failure
SW-026063	364:05	X		High Oil Consumption
SW-022602	364:05	X		Sticking Valves

## Monthly Record of Engine Changes (Cont'd)

ENGINE	TIME SINCE INSTALLED	NEW ENGINE	OVERHAULED ENGINE	REASON CHANGED
SW-022046	364:05	X		Internal Failure
SW-025653	341:40	X		High oil Consumption & Low Comp.
SW-004905	109:15		X	High oil Consumption & Low Comp.
41-56159	95:00		X	High oil Consumption & Low Comp.
43-57818	95:00		X	High oil Consumption & Low Comp.
SW-024384	472:15	X		Internal Failure
SW-024377	341:40	X		Low Compression
SW-025224	382:05	X		Low Compression
42-78198	381:45		X	Internal Failure
SW-010101	38:25		X	Runaway prop.
SW-019915	460:35	X		Overboost
SW-020106	02:30		X	Internal Failure
42-137245	130:00		X	Internal Failure
S <sup>N</sup> -026819	377:50	X		Low Compression

*Eugene Rovigno*  
 EUGENE ROVIGNO,  
 Major, Air Corps,  
 Engineering Officer.



## SEMI-MONTHLY MODIFICATION REPORT

One Hundredth Bomb Group (H), AAF

Reporting Date 25 January 1945

Total Tactical Aircraft Assigned on above Date 61

REPORT NO.	MODIFICATION NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER AIRCRAFT AFFECTED BY MODIFICATION	TOTAL NUMBER A/C HAVING MODIFICATION COMPLETED
1.	B-1736	61	39
2.	DELETED		
3.	DELETED		
4.	B-1765	61	61
5.	DELETED		
6.	DELETED		
7.	B-1779	61	41
8.	B-1780	61	61
9.	DELETED		
10.	B-1792	61	33
11.	B-1793	61	37
12.	B-17100C	61	58
13.	B-17109	61	0
14.	B-17110	61	7
15.	M-35	61	47
16.	TMI 01-20E-29	61	54
17.	TMI 01-20E-31	61	55
18.	TMI 01-20E-32	61	61
19.	TMI 01-20E-36	61	0
20.	TMI 01-20E-37	61	54
21.	DELETED		
22.	TMI 01-20EF-33	46	44
23.	TMI 01-20EF-36	61	58
24.	TMI 01-20EF-42	61	57
25.	TMI 01-20EF-44	53	40
26.	TMI 01-20EF-45	53	45
27.	TMI 03-5AF-1	41	26
28.	TMI 03-5AF-2	41	14
29.	TMI 03-20CA-3	61	87%
30.	DELETED		
31.	DELETED		
32.	TMI 04-15-4	61	51
33.	DELETED		
34.	DELETED		
35.	TO 01-20E-111	49	25
36.	TO 01-20EF-74	25	17
37.	TO 01-20EG-8	61	38
38.	WING SLOTS	61	52
39.	TMI 01-20E-41	61	17
40.	TMI 03-10D-2	61	61
41.	TMI 03-50A-4	61	58
42.	TMI 03-10BA-2	61	35
43.	TMI 01-1-12	61	0
44.	TMI 01-20E-119	61	37
45.	TMI 03-5AE-3	61	51
46.	RELOCATION OF LANDING GEAR SWITCH	61	28

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REPORT NO.	MODIFICATION NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER AIRCRAFT AFFECTED BY MODIFICATION	TOTAL NUMBER A/C HAVING MODIFICATION COMPLETED
47.	TO 03-10BA-6	61	42
48.	TO 03-5B-6	61	26
49.	TMI 03-10D-3	49	49
50.	TMI 01-20EF-48	61	8
51.	TMI 03-50D-1	61	61
52.	TMI 01-20E-43	61	0

ARMAMENT

1.	DELETED		
2.	B-1714	61	32
3.	B-1750	50	46
4.	DELETED		
5.	TMI 01-20E-33	54	49
6.	TMI 11-5-1	61	61
7.	TMI 11-5-3	60	7
8.	TMI 11-5-6	61	10
9.	DELETED		
10.	DELETED		
11.	TMI 11-45-3	61	59
12.	TMI 11-45-4	61	58
13.	TMI 11-45C-5	61	61
14.	TMI 11-45C-8	61	56
15.	DELETED		
16.	TO 01-20EF-19	61	21
17.	TO 01-20EF-80	60	8
18.	DELETED		
19.	Toll-5-72	59	11
20.	TO 11-10-19	61	0
21.	DELETED		
22.	TO 11-45C-15	61	7
23.	TMI 11-5-13	7	0
24.	TMI 11-30-11	7	7
25.	TMI 11-45C-10	61	57
26.	TO 01-20E-107	61	61
27.	TO 11-30-65	8	6
28.	TMI 11-30-5	61	61
29.	TO 11-10-28	28	24
30.	DELETED		
31.	DELETED		
32.	TMI 01-20EF-46	61	61
33.	Installation of K-13 Sight	8	4
34.	TMI 01-20E-46	55	52
35.	TMI 01-20E-45	58	58
36.	TMI 11-10-4	40	33

*Eugene Rovigno*  
EUGENE ROVIGNO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.



## SEMI-MONTHLY MODIFICATION REPORT

One Hundredth Bomb Group (H), AAF

Reporting Date 10 January 1945

Total Tactical Aircraft Assigned on above Date 60

REPORT NO.	MODIFICATION NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER AIRCRAFT AFFECTED BY MODIFICATION	TOTAL NUMBER A/C HAVING MODIFICATION COMPLETED
1.	B-1736	60	39
2.	DELETED		
3.	DELETED		
4.	B-1768	60	59
5.	DELETED		
6.	DELETED		
7.	B-1779	60	37
8.	B-1780	60	59
9.	DELETED		
10.	B-1792	60	29
11.	B-1793	60	36
12.	B-17100C	60	56
13.	B-17109	60	0
14.	B-17110	60	6
15.	M-35	60	37
16.	TMI 01-20E-29	58	53
17.	TMI 01-20E-31	60	53
18.	TMI 01-20E-32	60	59
19.	TMI 01-20E-36	60	3
20.	TMI 01-20E-37	60	51
21.	DELETED		
22.	TMI 01-20EF-33	48	31
23.	TMI 01-20EF-36	60	58
24.	TMI 01-20EF-42	60	57
25.	TMI 01-20EF-44	52	41
26.	TMI 01-20EF-45	52	44
27.	TMI 03-5AF-1	47	28
28.	TMI 03-5AF-2	42	16
29.	TMI 03-20CA-3	60	86%
30.	DELETED		
31.	DELETED		
32.	TMI 04-15-4	60	51
33.	DELETED		
34.	DELETED		
35.	TO 01-20E-111	48	21
36.	TO 01-20EF-74	31	22
37.	TO 01-20EG-3	60	36
38.	WING SLOTS	60	50
39.	TMI 01-20E-41	60	17
40.	TMI 03-10D-2	60	60
41.	TMI 03-50A-4	60	57
42.	TMI 03-10BA-2	60	30
43.	TMI 01-1-12	60	0
44.	TMI 01-20E-119	60	37
45.	TMI 03-5AE-3	60	48
46.	RELOCATION OF LANDING GEAR SWITCH	60	26





REPORT NO.	MODIFICATION NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER AIRCRAFT AFFECTED BY MODIFICATION	TOTAL NUMBER A/C HAVING MODIFICATION COMPLETED
47.	TO 03-10BA-6	60	41
48.	TO 035B-6	60	30
49.	TMI 03-10D-3	46	34
50.	TMI 01-20EF-48	60	8
51.	TMI 03-50D-1	60	60
52.	TMI 01-20E-41	60	0

ARMAMENT

1.	DELETED		
2.	B-1714	60	15
3.	B-1750	60	54
4.	DELETED		
5.	TMI 01-20E-33	51	45
6.	TMI 11-5-1	60	60
7.	TMI 11-5-3	21	12
8.	TMI 11-5-4	27	17
9.	DELETED		
10.	DELETED		
11.	TMI 11-45-3	53	53
12.	TMI 11-45-4	48	48
13.	TMI 11-45C-5	60	60
14.	TMI 11-45C-8	49	46
15.	DELETED		
16.	TO 01-20EF-19	26	26
17.	TO 01-20EF-60	19	17
18.	DELETED		
19.	TO 11-5-72	29	25
20.	TO 11-10-19	23	23
21.	TO 11-35-19	60	15
22.	TO 11-45C-15	31	31
23.	TMI 11-5-13	48	0
24.	TMI 11-30-11	60	6
25.	TMI 11-45C-10	50	50
26.	TO 01-20E-107	60	60
27.	TO 11-30-65	59	2
28.	TMI 11-30-5	60	46
29.	TO 11-10-26	59	4
30.	TO 11-5-74	60	0
31.	TO 11-5-76	29	7
32.	TMI 01-20EF-46	59	48
33.	INSTALLATION OF K-13 SIGHT	55	4
34.	TMI 01-20E-46	54	29
35.	TMI 01-20E-45	60	56
36.	TMI 11-10-4	41	41

EUGENE ROVEGNO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.

HEADQUARTERS  
ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF  
Office of the Station Engineering Officer  
APO 559

2 February 1945

MEMORANDUM)

TO ) All Squadron Engineering Officers

Squad.	Average A/C on Hand Daily	Average % Oper. Daily	Average % out B.D. Daily	Average % out M&R Daily	Average % out Other Reasons Daily
349th	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	82	9	7	0
350th	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	89	7	4	0
351st	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
418th	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	0
Group	57	85 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	0

ABORTION PERCENTAGES

Squad.	A/C	Material	Maintenance	Personnel	Percentages
349th	97	1	1	2	4%
350th	103	0	0	0	0
351st	110	4	0	0	4%
418th	105	3	0	1	4%
Group	415	8	1	3	3%

ENGINE CHANGE AVERAGES

Squad.	No. of Engines Changed		Average Time Since Installed	
	New	Used	New	Used
349th	9	1	346	382
350th	5	2	429	218
351st	6	14	314	90
418th	2	19	324	114
Group	22	36	352	156

EUGENE ROVEGNO,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.



ONE HUNDRETH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
Office of the Gunnery Officer  
AAF Station 139

SUBJECT: Resume of Gunnery Training and Activities for Month of January.

TO : Group Historian.

1. During the month of January improvements in gunnery training was accomplished.

2. A new tail section was put on the Sub-Depot ship, 347, which is used for camera gunnery. This will give the gunners practice in aerial gunnery in the new type tail section which they will fly combat.

3. Part of Gunnery #2 lecture, consisting of check-cut in positions, review on .50 cal. machine gun nomenclature, functions and maintenance has been supplemented by a revised schedule. To meet the demands for a suitable work bench necessary for this change, the old work bench has been modified. The new bench is twenty-one feet long, three feet wide and standing three feet high. Eight guns have been mounted on the bench for the purpose of accomplishing the above check-out.

4. An interphone system has been installed in the blister hangar. This system services all flexible and turret positions. The gunner now receives interphone practice as well as practice in tracking.

5. The gunners of this station received the usual gunnery training. Classes on Fighter Tactics, Critiques, and practice on synthetic trainers, as incorporated into the Gunnery Training Program, were supervised by the officers of the gunnery department.

*Robert W. McAtee*

ROBERT McATEE 1st. Lt. A.C.  
Group Gunnery Officer

1141ST QM COMPANY SERVICE GROUP, AVN(RS)

APO #559  
U. S. ARMY

L-A-1

8 February 1945

SUBJECT : History of Organization for January 1945.

TO : Ground Executive, AAF Station 139, APO 559, U. S. Army.

1. In compliance with Memorandum, Hq Station 139, APO 559 dated 10 October 1944, the following Company History report is hereby submitted.

HEADQUARTERS SECTION

The following named Enlisted Men of this organization were transferred in grade to the 12th Reinforcement Depot, Reinforcement Command, European TO, U. S. Army, APO 551 PP #1, Special Order #25, Hq Station 139, APO 559 dated 26 January 1945.

Sgt. Eugene Nettleton	(835)	32265973
Pfc. Ruben E. Wuoti	(835)	36419671

CLASS I SUPPLY SECTION (COMMISSARY)

The Commissary Section drew 87,325 rations from QM Depot, Q-105 during the month. They issued 7,350 rations to the 827th Eng. Bn (Avn)(Colored), who are stationed near Harleston. They have Ten-in-One Rations in stock to issue to the Squadrons for their planes in accordance with Teletype 3rd Air Division.

CLASS II & IV SUPPLY SECTION

The last of October 1944 the QM Warehouse turned 2000 pair of Arctics into QM Depot, Q-107, which were sent to the Continent. During this month we received 104 pair of Arctics, which would be used to replace A-6 boots. The usual salvage of clothing and equipment, laundry and dry cleaning, requisitions, etc. were taken care of during the month.

CLASS III SUPPLY SECTION (COAL & COKE)

The total amount of coke issued for month of January was 450 Tons, 3 Cwt. The total amount of coal issued for month was 64 Tons, 6 Cwt. The total amount of stoker coal issued for month was 31 Tons, 0 Cwt. We received 351 Tons, 15 Cwt. of coke, 73 Tons, 9 Cwt. of coal and 9 Tons, 6 Cwt. of stoker coal during the month of January.

CLASS III SUPPLY SECTION (GAS & OIL)

The total amount of gasoline issued for month of January was 32,554 gallons. The total amount received during the month was 32,500 gallons.

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Ltr. 1141st QM Co. to Ground Executive, AAF Sta 139, APO 559, Subj: History of Organization for January 1945 dd 8 Feb/45 Cont'd:

STATION SALVAGE SECTION

During the month of January 55,600 lbs of Non-Ferrous Metals, 175 lbs of Lead Acid Accumulators, 10 lbs of Insulated Cable, 20 lbs of Electric Lamp Brass Caps, 2352 lbs of Scrap Iron, 10 each 4-Gal. Petrol Tins, 615 lbs of Rubber and 50 gals of M.T. Lubricating Oil turned-in to the 29 Command Salvage Depot Unit.

During the month of January 1,480 gallons of Aero-Engine Oil turned-in to Shell Refining.

During the month of January 439 lbs of Outer Uniform Clothing, 607 lbs of Cotton Underclothing, 964 lbs of Clothing Coverall, 94 lbs of Miscellaneous Clothing, 444 lbs of Footwear, 10 lbs of Blankets, Carpets & Rugs, 300 lbs of Tentage and 7840 lbs of Cardboard, V-1-2-3 turned-in to QM Depot, Q-105, APO 587.

During the month of January 25 lbs of M.T. Spark Plugs, 22,000 lbs of Metal Fin Crates, 2000 lbs of Metal Shipping Bands turned-in to Depot 595.

During the month of January 672 lbs of Maps and 1008 lbs of Cardboard turned-in to Charles Harrod, Lowestoft.

During the month of January 1500 lbs of Fuse Cans turned-in to Depot 545.

  
E. G. SCHARDING  
Capt. QMC  
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS  
ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
OFFICE OF THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER  
STATION 139

J-A-2

6 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS HISTORY FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1945.

TO : GROUP HISTORIAN, 100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H),  
STATION 139, APO 559, U. S. ARMY.

1. NO IMPORTANT CHANGES WERE MADE IN THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION DURING THE MONTH WITH REGARD TO PERSONNEL.

2. ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH WERE NORMAL. THE USUAL MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS WITH RADIO EQUIPMENT WERE ENCOUNTERED ON OPERATIONAL AND PRACTICE MISSIONS.

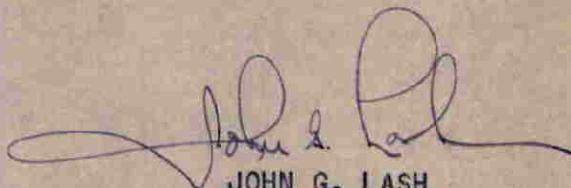
3. THE RADIO SCHOOL COMPLETED 20,000 MAN HOURS OF TRAINING ON 4 JANUARY 1945.

4. ON 7 JANUARY, BRIGADIER GENERAL HARBOLD, THIRD AIR DIVISION CHIEF OF STAFF, VISITED THE RADAR SHOP.

5. THE CREW FOR INSTALLING SPOT-JAMMING EQUIPMENT ARRIVED ON 7 JANUARY.

6. THE FIRST SPOT-JAMMING MISSION WAS HELD ON 14 JANUARY.

7. COLONEL GRAY, THIRD AIR DIVISION COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, VISITED THE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION ON 14 JANUARY. HE SEEMED WELL PLEASED WITH OUR SET-UP.



JOHN G. LASH  
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS,  
ACTING STATION COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



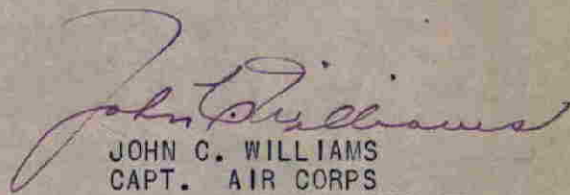
ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
OFFICE OF THE CLUB CUSTODIAN

10 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT : DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES JANUARY 1945, COMMUNICATIONS.

TO : GROUP HISTORIAN.

1. ACTIVITIES IN THIS DEPARTMENT DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY FOLLOWED THE USUAL LINES. SEVERAL NEW INSTALLATIONS WERE MADE.
2. DUE TO A WIND AND SLEET STORM DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH MANY OF OUR LINES WERE DISRUPTED, BUT THROUGH THE VIGILANCE AND CLOSE CO-OPERATION OF THE LAND LINES DEPARTMENT ALL TROUBLE WAS CLEARED IN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME.

  
JOHN C. WILLIAMS  
CAPT. AIR CORPS  
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER.

ESM MONTHLY REPORT

JANUARY  
1945

The Bombsight Maintenance personnel, on the whole, welcomed the infant year with unique reserve and firm resolution. According to authoritative sources none was observed firing wildly into the murky sky with flare and firearm. Instead they clinked their glasses and murmured a chorus of Auld Lang Syne with a thought of the effort expended and the pleasures extracted from association.

Though we may adjust our plans to suit convenience we must accept disruption of a schedule so often that the exception becomes the general rule. Malfunctions in the C-1 Auto-pilot system caused by indiscriminate yet accurate flak kept personnel sweating on the line into the wee hours of the morning. Cold as it was during this snowy month we warmed to the task in the process of detection and correction. On two occasions it became necessary to replace the rotary inverter in order that control be given in when the knobs were turned. Wires slashed by flak sometimes present an enigma solved only after much searching on one's hands and knees. ~~When the going becomes rough and bombing mediocre bad reports on the performance of equipment may be anticipated. The department received its quota of criticism which was usually proven to be based on fiction rather than fact.~~

There has been no material alteration in the policy connected with the loading and installation of bombsights. Bombardiers are fascinated by the magic of AGLD bombsights. Their confidence is inspired and "shack" hits are the order of the day. They could pay less attention to the leveling knobs and concentrate more on the target with a resultant improvement in accuracy.



STATION WEATHER OFFICE  
AAF STATION 139 APO 559

8 February 1945

SUBJECT: History of Weather Station for January, 1945

TO : Base Historian, AAF Station 139, APO 559, U.S. Army.

1. One operation change of importance took place during the month of January. The teletypes in the weather office were adjusted for sending as well as receiving, and as of 0100 hours on the 22nd of the month we commenced sending our hourly observations by teletype to AAF Station 119 which in turn relays them on to 3rd Air Division. The advantage of this new system is that we are no longer dependent on getting a phone wire through to Station 119 since the time consumed in this process was in the past occasionally so great as to cause our observation to be too late for inclusion in the regular teletype broadcasts.

2. There was one organizational change during the month. The weather detachment, previously attached to the 28th Station Complement, was attached to the 418th Bomb Squadron. However a directive from 3rd Air Division stated the the integrity of the organization as a unit was still to be maintained.

3. There were no other changes of note during the month of January.

*Ellis D. Pike*  
ELLIS D. PIKE  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Station Weather Officer



OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL  
AAF STATION # 139  
APO # 559

16 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities  
TO : Commanding Officer, AAF Station # 139, APO # 559

- January 1 - Crew continued to work all day constructing a hardstand beside the fire station.
- January 2 - Mission left at 0700 and returned at 1500. Both Crash Crews were present for the take-off and landing. Crews worked at the tower and finished laying the cement for the hardstand.
- January 3 - Mission left at 0600 and returned at 1530. Crews finished digging the dirt for the hardstand beside the fire station. Replaced one foam extinguisher at hardstand 48.
- January 4 - Practice mission left at 0830 and returned at 1100. A plane crashed and crews worked on the fire until 1300. After the fire was extinguished crews stood by until 1800.
- January 5 - Mission left at 0700 and returned at 1730 hours. All vehicles were checked to be sure that they were in good condition. The crews pulled the forms from the cement at the tower.
- January 6 - Mission left at 0730 and returned at 1530. Crews laid forms and one section of cement at the fire station.
- January 7 - Mission left at 0730 and returned at 1430. Both crash crews were present for the take-off and landing.
- January 8 - Snowed and rained most of the day. Men washed and checked all the equipment.
- January 9 - Heavy snow on the ground. Coke was hauled for the fire station, barracks and the crash shed. All the tools for the jeep were painted.
- January 10 - Mission left at 0730 and returned at 1600. Men were called to site 5 for a barracks fire. Reported with three pieces of equipment and easily extinguished the fire. A plane crashed into the Bomb Dump at 1100. Fire and Crash Crews reported to the scene but were ordered away because of the bombs which were exploding. Crews were standing by until 1700 when the dump ceased exploding.
- January 11 - Checked all equipment and put chains on the 135 Crash Truck. Ten fire extinguishers were filled and brought to site five.
- January 12 - Rain all day. Crews cleaned the fire station thoroughly.



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
 NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20546

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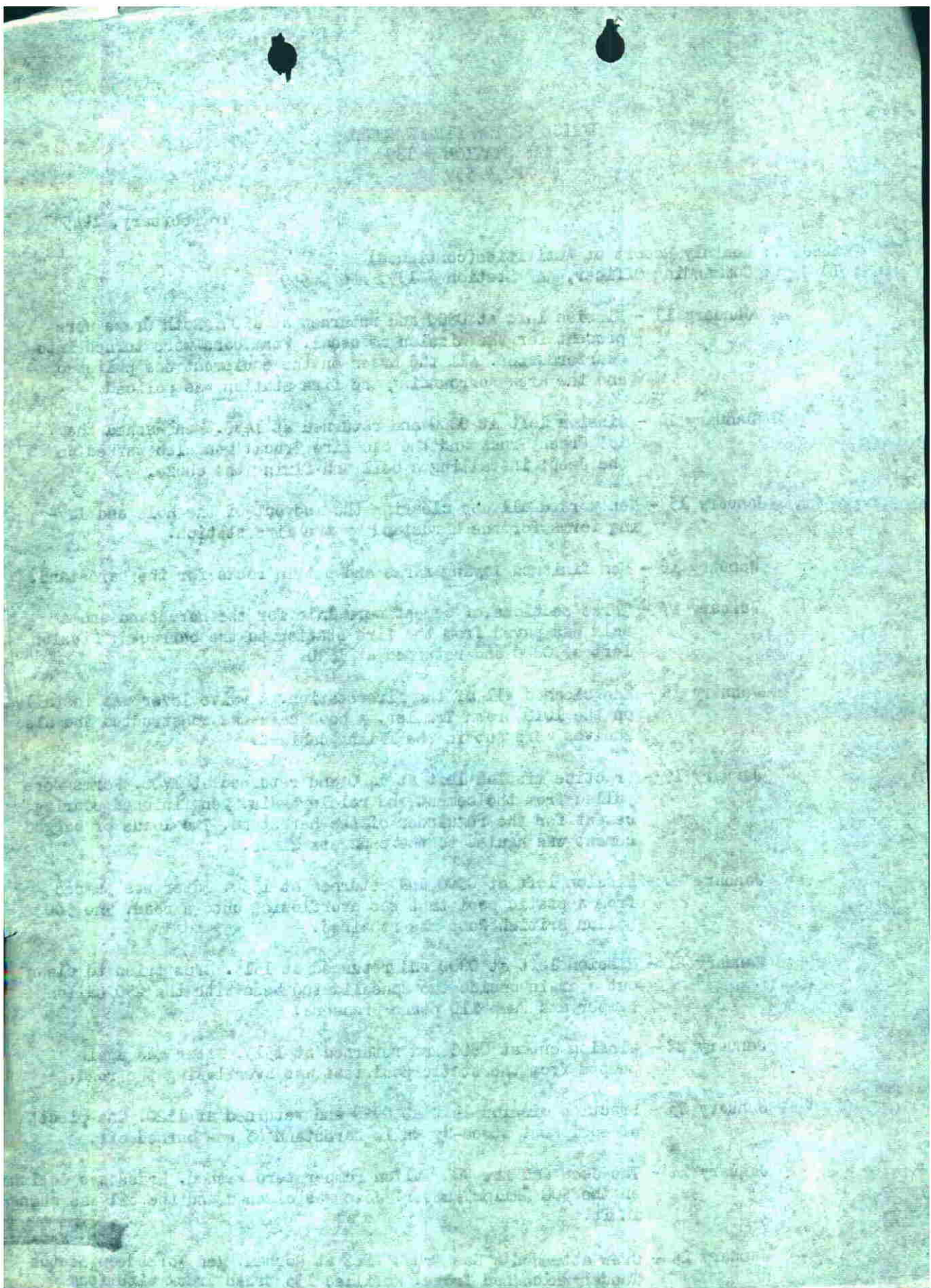
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL  
AAF STATION # 139  
APO # 559

16 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities(continued)  
TO : Commanding Officer, AAF Station # 139, APO # 559

- January 13 - Mission left at 0800 and returned at 1500. Both Crews were present for the mission as usual. Foam cans were turned into Quartermaster. All the brass on the equipment was polished and the area surrounding the fire station was policed.
- January 14 - Mission left at 0800 and returned at 1430. Men washed the 135 Crash Truck and the 6X6 Fire Truck. Men also worked on the Jeep; installing a ball and fixing the choke.
- January 15 - Men worked all day clearing the mud out of the hole and laying forms for the hardstand by the fire station.
- January 16 - Men finished laying forms and put in rocks for the hardstand.
- January 17 - Three sections of cement were laid for the hardstand and a walk was paved from the fire station to the barracks. Mission left at 0800 and returned at 1530.
- January 18 - Men cleaned all of the fire station. A valve lever was installed on the 1010 Crash Trailer. A book case was constructed and also shelves were put in the filing cabinet.
- January 19 - Practice mission left at 1400 and returned at 1700. Forms were pulled from the cement and relaid again. Men finished pouring cement for the remainder of the hardstand. Two loads of bagged cement was hauled to the concrete mixer.
- January 20 - Mission left at 0800 and returned at 1530. Water was pumped from a static pool that was overflowing unto a road. The 500 Gallon British Pump was repaired.
- January 21 - Mission left at 0800 and returned at 1515. Crew tried to clean out a drain beside the Consolidated Mess with the 250 Gallon Pumper and Pump 110 pound pressure.
- January 22 - Mission out at 0800 and returned at 1515. Water was again pumped from the static pool that was overflowing the road.
- January 23 - Practice mission left at 0920 and returned at 1120. One piece of equipment stood-by while hardstand 45 was burned off.
- January 24 - The Jeep and the 500 Gallon Pumper were washed. Brass was polished on the 500 Gallon Pumper. Jeep was cleaned and the oil was changed in it.
- January 25 - Crew attended a Gas Truck fire at Horham. Men worked on Neeson Tender which had froze. Refilled 135 Crash Truck with foam.







OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL  
AAF STATION # 139  
APO # 559

16 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Activities(continued)  
TO : Commanding Officer, AAF Station # 139, APO # 559

- January 25- Two hundred feet of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. hose was put on the 135 Crash Truck. All shovels were painted after cleaning the cement from them. A man went to Norham for a crank for the 1010 Trailer and also for some inspection sheets. One Gallon CTC was filled for the Medium Maintenance Shop.
- January 26 - Lt Sangro and Steele returned from Sudbury with the new CO 2 tank. Refilled two CTC and 13 other fire extinguishers. Crew reported to a fire at the Concrete Mixer. The 135 Crash Truck with  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. hose extinguished the blaze.
- January 27 - Crew cleaned and inspected all the equipment. The Fire Station was cleaned and the surrounding area was policed.
- January 28 - The weather still was still bad with snow on the ground. Men checked equipment again and everything was found to be in good order.
- January 29 - Brass on the 500 Gallon Pumper was shined. All hydrants were inspected to discover what their condition was.
- January 30 - Snow was cleaned off the hardstand beside the fire station. All the equipment was thawed because of the cold weather. Part of the platoon went to Sick Quarters to take an exam for the infantry. Men uncrated the CO 2 storage tank at the tower.
- January 31 - Mission left at 0800 and returned at another field due to the weather. The rest of the Platoon took the exam for the infantry. A B-17 crashed 500 yds. NE of the Tower with a full bomb load. Crew was called at 1305 and returned at 1530. Responded with 500 Gallon Pumper, Weston Tender and the 135 Crash Truck. Crew was ordered away from the scene of the crash due to unexploded bombs. Fire crew did put out a wing fire near hardstand 10 caused by one 500 lb bomb which exploded. All the crew members escaped from the crash.

*John C Merrill*  
JOHN C MERRILL,  
1st Lt., C.E.,  
Acting Fire Marshal.



ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
OFFICE OF THE STATION SURGEON  
AAF STATION #139  
APO 559

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5 February 1945

SUBJECT: Resume of Medical Department Activities.

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF Station #139, APO 559.

1. In compliance with memorandum this Headquarters, dated 10 October 1944, subject, "Resume of Months Activities", the following information is submitted:

- a. The sick call for the various units on this station was comparatively small in the month of January. The reason is mainly due to the use of sulfadiazine prophylaxis for the entire command. Forty-nine (49) patients were hospitalized during the month at a general hospital. Nine (9) cases of gonorrhea and two (2) cases of syphilis were reported and treated. Three (3) men were wounded in action, one of a severe nature and the other two (2) moderately.
- b. The sick quarters was evacuated on 10 January 1945 for a few hours due to a plane crash in the bomb dump. After the danger had passed normal functioning was resumed.
- c. On 31 January 1945, a plane crashed near the control tower. Medical officers who were nearby treated the combat men for burns and bruises, sending five (5) of them to the hospital and putting four (4) into quarters.
- d. Rest leaves for combat crews are taken care of by this department and one (1) medical officer spent a week during the month at AAF Rest Home, Moultsford Manor on temporary duty.
- e. Colonel Armstrong, Surgeon, Eighth Air Force and Major Laws, Dental Surgeon, Eighth Air Force, visited and inspected the Station Sick Quarters on 24 January 1945.

*George O. Emerson*  
GEORGE O. EMERSON  
Major, Medical Corps  
Station Surgeon

STATION CHEMICAL OFFICE  
AAF Station 139  
APO 559

17 February 1945 .

SUBJECT: Station CWS Activities for January 1945.

TO: Commanding Officer, AAF Station #139, APO 559

1. Following is a resume of Station Chemical Warfare activities for January 1945:


Lectures were given to the new combat crews that have arrived on the Station in the past month. These lectures consisted of information on the carrying of gas bombs in aircraft, decontamination of equipment and the showing of the training film "Geeokin' With Gas".

A spot check was made of more than 5% of the Lightweight Gas Masks on the Station. 211 masks were examined and it was found that 154 were grey rubber facepieces and 57 were black rubber facepieces. Of this number 1 grey facepiece and 14 black facepieces were unservicable.

An inventory was made of all British Anti-Gas Clothing and Equipment on this Station. This report was submitted to 3AD. Following this all British RAF clothing was shipped to the Station Quartermaster for return to the British through proper channels.

The personnel of the Station Chemical Office were used during the month in painting, redecorating and equipping the Station Information and Education rooms. The Station Chemical Office was repainted.

One hundred and ten thousand pounds of Incendiary Bombs were dropped on the target during the month. One Hundred SkyMarkers were dropped on the target during this period.

  
HENRY L. HOLLINGSWORTH, JR.  
Captain, CWS  
Station Chemical Officer



HEADQUARTERS  
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
OFFICE OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER

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APD 559  
8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Summary of Station Photo Activities - January 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, AAF Station 139

1. During the month of January, the Photo Lab processed and submitted to higher headquarters film from 75 sorties flown on 13 operational missions. 2950 feet of aerial film was used, and approximately 8,850 prints were made.

2. Pictures were printed and sent to Lead Crew Training and 13th Combat Bomb Wing from two Camera Bombing sorties. Clouds obscured the target on the other sorties flown, so no prints were made from these.

3. Experimental H2XScope cameras were flown on several missions, and film and prints were submitted to higher headquarters. Six new H2XScope cameras have been received and are being installed, which should give us much better photographic coverage, and which have been modified to eliminate many of the malfunctions that have occurred in the model camera used up until now.

4. 540 ground pictures were taken during the month and approximately 2600 prints were made. Pictures were of the following types:

- a. Activity shots for use in the Group History.
- b. Copies of target maps for S-2.
- c. AGO pass pictures, passport pictures, copies of licenses and legal papers for S-1.
- d. Copies of diagrams, charts, and engineering drawings for Station Gunnery, Group Armament, Group Ordnance, and other departments.
- e. A/C damage shots of 523 taken on January 4, and of 517, 610, and 770 on January 31.
- f. Pictures of the Bomb Dump after the explosion of January 9.
- g. For the Medical Office the flak helmet worn by Sgt. Parker was photographed

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h. Various pieces of equipment were photographed such as: Flux gate compass for the Mobile Training Unit; a dummy for Station Equipment; flak curtains for Engineering; etc.

5. One of our aerial photographers, Sgt. E. A. Brinley, completed his tour of missions and returned to the United States. One of our H2XScope men was at Pinetree on detached service for part of the month. The personnel of the Photo Lab remained unchanged otherwise. It consists of 21 enlisted men and 1 commissioned officer.

*John E. Schwarz*

JOHN E. SCHWARZ  
Captain, Air Corps  
Photographic Officer



HEADQUARTERS  
592nd Army Postal Unit  
APO 592, U S Army

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6 February 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Record.

TO : Commanding Officer, AAF Station 139, APO 559, U S Army.  
ATTN: Historical Officer.

1. The activities of this organization during the preceding month of January are as follows: A total of 3015 money orders were written for the amount of \$153,438.50; 481 money orders were cashed for a total of \$16,020.97; 7,920 pouches and sacks of first class mail, newspapers and parcel post were received and dispatched; 466 pieces of mail were given directory service, and of this amount 293 were located, the remaining being returned to the 1st Base Post Office, APO 640 for further directory service.

*Albert H. Anderson*  
ALBERT H. ANDERSON  
2nd Lt. AGD  
Postal Officer

D 1285th MIL. POLICE CO (1)  
AAF STATION #139  
APO #559

15 February 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Activities-Month of January.

TO : Ground Executive  
Station #139  
APO #559.

1. During the month of January a few items of interest occurred that might bear considering. From the social angle there is the story of our new day room. Down at our site there is a large was room which had a drying room that was not being used. Some ingenious member of the organization discovered that if we removed the drying rods from this room it would make an excellent start for a day room. We then went to work, got the permission of the Ground Executive and proceeded to beautify the room as much as possible. When the job was completed we had a Day Room that needed no apologizing. To celebrate the opening, a beer and sandwich party was held on the 10th of January and needless to say a wet time was had by all. We were honored on that occasion by the presence of the Ground Executive and the Station Adjutant.

2. A considerable amount of sweating out was done by the members of the Company during the month. Since the Infantry Training program has gone into effect a very high percentage of our Company has been gobbled up for training. Out of 65 men available 17 men were chosen to leave for training. Quite a few of those taken were unable to pass physical examinations so that it took 28 men to get the desired 17. We were very much perturbed at losing some of these men because they were good soldiers and a few had been with the Company since its inception. As the need for men increases the remaining available men will continue to sweat.

3. Since the transfer of Lt. Stephens to another Command, Lt. Vernier has been operating the Company completely on his own. During the month he was given some much needed assistance in the presence of Lt. Perez-Petinto who joined the Company late in the month.

4. No other occurrences either social or business, happened to stir up any interest. Routine work was done in the usual capable manner.

*Donald P. Vernier*  
DONALD P. VERNIER  
1ST. Lt., CMP  
Commanding.



PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

SUBJECT: Report on activities during the month of January.

TO : Lt. William Wallrich, Group Historian.

1. The following summary of Public Relations output is forwarded for your use. During the month, 173 individual stories were submitted through Public Relations channels at Third Air Division for distribution to newspapers in the United States, as well as 253 routine releases, and 432 pictures.
2. The break-down of the above totals were as follows:
  - A. Operational news, 17 battle action, 46 aircraft destroyed, 12 post combat, 26 miscellaneous operational, and four byline operational stories.
  - B. General News, 38 commendation and award, 14 promotion, one social event, and eight miscellaneous news stories.
  - C. Features, three ground men at work, one labor morale, three personality features stories.
  - D. In addition, 93 award forms and 160 promotion forms were released.
3. Pictures and releases were judged of high quality for the month, being graded A-minus.

*Jack Bauman*  
1st/Lt Jack Bauman  
Public Relations Office



SUBJECT: Report on activities during the month of January.

Dr. William Leitch, Green Historian.

1. The following summary of Public Relations content is furnished for your information. During the month, 176 individual stories were submitted for publication to the Public Relations Division for distribution to newspapers in the United States, as well as 238 foreign releases, and 432 stories.

3. The breakdown of the slave trade was as follows:

best needed, 20 miscellaneous operational, and four engine operational

...and this information is being furnished to the FBI for their information.

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7. In addition, 45 award terms and 150 question forms were released.

3. Features and releases were judged as high quality for the month, being graded A-minor.

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AWARDS FOR JANUARY 1945

<u>Award</u>	<u>No. of Men.</u>	<u>G.O.</u>
A.M.	1	1
OLC/AM	22	1
OLC/AM	100	6
A.M.	38	6
DFC	1	11
DFC	1	16
DFC	3	18
OLC/AM	171	19
A.M.	39	19
OLC/AM	9	22
Purple Heart	3	32
OLC/AM	72	32
A.M.	3	32
OLC/AM	1	34
DFC	2	34
OLC/AM	75	42
A.M.	1	42
OLC/AM	19	48
A.M.	1	48
DFC	2	58
DFC	1	59
OLC/AM	64	60
A.M.	18	60
OLC/AM	29	69
OLC/AM (E/A Dest.)	18	69
A.M.	4	69
OLC/AM	57	71
OLC/AM	14	76
OLC/AM	14	77
Purple Heart	1	78
OLC/AM	9	79
A.M.	1	79
DFC	1	80
OLC/AM	23	82
AM	1	82
OLC/AM	22	84
OLC/AM	13	96
Purple Heart	4	97
OLC/AM	4	110
A.M.	11	109
OLC/AM	6	111

All awards came from Headquarters, 3d Air Division.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

MISSING AIR CREW REPORT

IMPORTANT: This report will be compiled in triplicate by each Army Air Forces organization within 48 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

1. ORGANIZATION: Location AAF Sta 139 ; Command or Air Force VIII AF  
Group 100th Squadron 351st Detachment \_\_\_\_\_
2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure Sta 139 ; Course E  
Intended Destination Cologne ; Type of Mission Operational
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CAVU
4. GIVE: (a) Date 10 Jan 45 Time 1228 ; and Location 5100N 0605E  
of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.  
(b) Specify whether (X) Last sighted; ( ) Last contacted by radio;  
( ) Forced down; ( ) Seen to crash; or ( ) Information not available.
5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: (Check only  
( ) Enemy aircraft; ( ) Enemy Anti-aircraft; ( ) Other circumstances as fol-  
lows: Unknown
6. AIRCRAFT: Type, Model and Series B-17G ; A.A.F. Serial Number 42-37936
7. ENGINES: Type, Model and Series \_\_\_\_\_ ; A.A.F. Serial Number (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_
8. INSTALLED WEAPONS (Furnish below Make, Type and Serial number)  
(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_
9. THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPORTED AS: (a) Battle casualty X  
or (b) Non-Battle casualty \_\_\_\_\_
10. NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD AIRCRAFT: Crew \_\_\_\_\_ ; Passengers \_\_\_\_\_ ; Total, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Starting with pilot, furnish the following particulars: If more than 10  
persons were aboard aircraft, list similar particulars on separate sheet  
and attach original to this form):
- | Crew Position     | Name in Full<br>(Last Name First) | Rank   | Serial Number |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| 1. Pilot          | DODRILL, JOHN J.                  | 1st Lt | O-770502      |
| 2. Co-Pilot       | WILLIAMS, DAVID S.                | 2nd Lt | O-2058324     |
| 3. Nav.           | BAYER, RALPH W.                   | 1st Lt | O-719845      |
| 4. Bomb.          | PITHAN, DAVID W.                  | Sgt    | 11068509      |
| 5. Radio Operator | BENNETT, GEORGE H.                | S/Sgt  | 34736975      |
| 6. Engineer       | MITCHELL, HARRY E.                | S/Sgt  | 34652576      |
| 7. BTG            | WARNER, MYRON E.                  | Sgt    | 37729595      |
| 8. WG             | JOSEPH, GARLAND L.                | Sgt    | 35755051      |
| 9. TG             | TOLL, ROY E.                      | Sgt    | 39338713      |
11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIR-  
CRAFT AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:
- | Name in Full<br>(Last Name First) | Rank    | Serial Number | By<br>Radio | Checked only one column<br>Last Sighted | Saw<br>Crash | Saw Forced<br>Landing |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------|-------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Gay, Jack I.                   | 1st Lt. | O-553483      |             | X                                       |              |                       |
| 2. _____                          |         |               |             |   |              |                       |
| 3. _____                          |         |               |             |   |              |                       |
12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used \_\_\_\_\_ ; (b) Persons were seen walking away  
from scene of crash \_\_\_\_\_ ; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION  
WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES  
PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.
15. ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTENT OF SEARCH, IF ANY, AND GIVE NAME, RANK,  
AND SERIAL NUMBER OF OFFICER IN CHARGE HERE \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Report 16 Jan. 45

(Signature of Preparing Officer)



## 351ST BOMB SQUADRON, 100TH BOMB GROUP DIARY FOR JANUARY, 1945

January, 1945, the first month in the New Year began on a note not quite so grim but still very serious. Von Rundstedt upset Allied plans to some degree, but we in turn upset his plan. His salient was pounded by everything the Allies had in the book. It was the fighter, light and medium bomber outfits duty to strike directly at the enemy's installations, troops and equipment and to help rout them.

The heavy bombardment outfits didn't have that satisfaction, but their terrific smashes at marshalling yards and rear installations ultimately did as much to paralyze the enemy's movement as any other air activity. The enemy began to fall back and to take heavy losses in men and equipment.

Yet another blow was about to strike the Axis. The drive in the East. The Russian effort began to gain momentum and to roll toward Germany. Then into Germany itself. It finally pointed itself directly at Berlin. With the Oder River in sight it began to slow down but was consolidating its gains.

The Eighth Air Force was banging away at key German targets and indirectly this again was of vast assistance to the Russian Drive. During the month of January, our own 351st Squadron was included in thirteen of these missions. The Squadron loaded a total of 106 ships for these efforts. All the missions flown were into Germany itself. Assignments of targets included the following; Kreuznach on the 2nd, Fulda on the 3rd, to Frankfurt on the 5th, Auweiler on the 6th, to Cologne and Limburg on the 7th. On the 10th, units were sent to Dusseldorf, and one officer, 1st Lieutenant James P. Olstedt, was wounded on this mission; he was sent to the 65th General Hospital and his missions have been considered completed. January 13th units went to Mainz, on the 14th to Derben, on the 17th to Hamburg, the 20th to Heilbronn, and on the 21st to Mannheim. Nearly a week elapsed before the last two missions were flown; these included Duisburg which was bombed on the 28th and Kassel on the 29th of the month.

On the 10th day of January one of the Squadrons aircraft was lost in action against the enemy when aircraft number 42-37936 failed to return. Available information was from the crew of ship number 610. Number 936 was flying in the low 135 Group, number 5 position. The targets given were Cologne, Dusseldorf and Duisburg. The crew of this ship included Lt. J. J. Dodrill, 12 missions, Lt. D. S. Williams, Co-Pilot, with 12 missions, Lt. R. W. Bayer, Navigator, with twenty missions, S/Sgt. D. W. Pitman, Toggler, with 8 missions, S/Sgt. G. R. Bennett, Radio Operator, with 12 missions, S/Sgt. H. E. Mitchell, Top Turret Gunner, with 12 missions, Sgt. R. W. Toll, Tail Gunner with 12 missions, and Sgt. G. L. Joseph, Right Waist Gunner, with 12 missions. There was no time or place given of initial damage to the plane. No chutes were seen. Accounts given show the altitude was 25,000 feet, heading 270 degrees; all engines were running. It was headed toward Belgium when last seen at 5100-0605E, time was 1228. Both bomb bay doors were open and had been since plane left the target. No other information is available at this time.



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Two aircraft accidents took place in the Squadron during the month of January. The first occurred on the 4th when aircraft number 43-38523 came in for a landing and the pilot cut his throttles too fast, causing the ship to crash. This ship burned but the crew managed to clear the ship before any harm came to them. The second accident of the month occurred on January 31st when two ships of ours were wrecked by bomb blast as a 418th ship crashed near the dispersal where they were parked. Neither of these two ships were good for anything more than salvage.

During January six new aircraft were brought in to the Squadron to replace those damaged or lost in combat, and to keep the Squadron facilities up to maximum efficiency.

Five new aircrews arrived on the twenty-first of the month for final training and assignment to combat operations. They included Lieut. Merrill E. Jensen, and his crew including Flt. O. Charles L. Kemp, Flt. O. Richard R. Soroxton, and Cpls. Charles P. Friel, Thomas L. Gallagher, Howard B. Hodges, Melvin J. Madsen, John T. Palmer, and Anthony C. Schenbri; Lieut. Rollie C. King and his crew including Flt. O. Jack S. Williams, Flt. O. John W. Spencer, and Cpls. James Baker, Meyer Gitlin, Francis S. Gordon, Archie Mathosian, Robert G. Mitchell, and Ray E. Wildings; Lieut. Laurence J. Lazzari, and his crew including Lieut. Guher G. Greenwood, Lieut. Charles W. Staiger, Sgt. Lawrence W. Donnelly, and Cpls. Joseph C. Allen, Richard H. Heritage, Daniel J. O'Connell, Jr., Robert J. Steele, and Charles A. Weiss; Lieut. Armand Munoz, and his crew including Lieut. Wilbur W. Kresmer, Flt. O. Francis J. Popeli, Sgt. Salvatore T. Bartolo, and Cpls. Frank N. Accordino, George G. Holden, John T. Ford, Jr., Samuel Schneider, and Robert M. Shuck; and Lieut. Jerome S. Garrison, and his crew including Lieuts. Francis J. Dolan and George W. Yee, Flt. O. Warren A. Storn, and S/Sgt. Harold F. Castaldo, and Cpls. William H. Andrews, Steve J. Kowalski, Robert J. MacKeigan, and George F. Miller.

On January 10th, this Squadron was treated to something unscheduled in the way of excitement when an abandoned B-17 crashed into the ammunition dump which isn't too far from the Squadron's living site (Site #1). Two 2,000 pound bombs which had been carried on the ship detonated with a terrific roar after the ship crashed. The ship itself hit our incendiary bomb dump and caused a furious fire to start in that area. It was uncertain whether the fire would cause other explosions in the area, and as a safety precaution orders were given to evacuate the living site. It took a long time for the fire to burn itself out but damage was confined to the bomb area. Perhaps the most miraculous thing about this event was the fact that no one was killed or even injured by the crash; however, one man broke a leg in jumping from the abandoned plane. This has been perhaps the closest call the Squadron, or the whole field for that matter ever had. It provided food for a good deal of speculation. Among other things, it proved demonstrably the value of correctly built revetments in an Ordnance Area. It took a couple of weeks to clean up the dump but at this writing, everything is back in order in that section of the field.



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Plans by personnel of the Squadron to get that much treasured period of relaxation and enjoyment when passes come due were temporarily set out of gear between January 10th and 12th when a two-day restriction went into effect throughout the ETO for the purpose of checking on AWOLs. No record of any flagrant violations of this nature were made in the Squadron. On the 12th the gates were once more thrown open and there was a concerted rush by all privileged parties for trains and busses. Very few comments were made by anyone concerning this action while the restriction was in effect which seems to reflect a very good grade of discipline among the men of this organization.

The new Squadron Commander, Major Gruver, called a meeting on January 10th. This was the first meeting and proved to be a "Get Acquainted" meeting between himself and his officers. He made several important statements on this occasion; chief among them were a stress on co-operation, the conduct and appearance of Squadron Officers, and what he personally expected of members of his command as a whole. When it concluded there was no doubt in anyone's mind as to what it had been all about.

The need for replacements in infantry units was very materially felt when a call came into the field for men to be reassigned to the 12th reinforcement Depot for such training. The 351st filled its quota by sending Sgt. Merritt D. Payne and Pfc. Richard M. Hallock, who both volunteered and Pfc. Edwin W. Whitaker, Pvt. Chester R. Lee, Pfc. John Dementry, Pvt. George G. Holmberg, and Pvt. William Williamson.

A check for E-4 Bags was made on the 12th to determine if any unauthorized personnel were making use of this equipment; this check was carried out by Group and there were a few in the Squadron who came home to find that they were lacking an item which had hitherto been an illegal convenience. However, there were very few.

In view of the Squadrons spectacular run without loss of personnel or equipment for over half a hundred combat missions the following commendation was transmitted from 3rd Air Division:

HEADQUARTERS 3RD AIR DIVISION  
Office of the Commanding General  
APO 859

GENERAL ORDERS)  
NO. 4)

3 January 1945

COMMENDATION

The 351st Bombardment Squadron (H), is commended for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy during the period 31 July to 2 November 1944. During this period, the Squadron participated in fifty-two consecutive missions without the loss of a single crew or aircraft. On these operations, more than 400 aircraft were dispatched and only eleven aircraft aborted. Eight hundred and forty-three tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on enemy targets which included Venlo, Heaburg, Berlin, Ludwigshaven, Bremen, Magdeburg, Munster, Merseburg; as well as Szolnok, Hungary and the supply mission to Warsaw, Poland. Although many



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of the aircraft returned with extensive battle damage from these missions highly efficient maintenance crews expeditiously repaired the crippled bombers and enabled the courageous airman to resume operations in the shortest possible time. The skill in operational planning and the courage displayed by the combat crews in all attacks have not only insured the high degree of efficiency necessary to establish this record, but have also resulted in a material contribution to the successful prosecution of the war against the enemy.

This splendid teamwork, courage and devotion to duty displayed by the Officers and men of the 351st Bombardment Squadron reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the United States Army Air Forces.

By command of Major General PARTRIDGE:

H. B. HARBOLD  
Brigadier General, U. S. A.  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ F. E. Fitzpatrick  
F. E. FITZPATRICK  
Captain, Air Corps  
Acting Asst. Adjutant General.

The following awards were made to officers and men of the 351st Squadron for activity over the continent and for wounds received in action during January:

AIR MEDALS

2nd Lieut. Paul B. Batterman	S/Sgt. Donald D. McMillan
2nd Lieut. J. R. Frascatore	Sgt. George G. Elliott
2nd Lieut. Ernest T. Gilbert	Sgt. Donald V. Gloag
2nd Lieut. Paul F. Julian	Sgt. Kenneth L. Morphew
2nd Lieut. R. L. Richardson	Sgt. William G. Tunnessen
2nd Lieut. Walter G. Scott	Sgt. Harold O. Weber
Plt. Off. John D. Gross	Sgt. Douglas W. Wright

OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR ENEMY

AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

2nd Lieut. Joseph J. Dye	S/Sgt. Rudolph H. Dunker
S/Sgt. George A. Holland	S/Sgt. Thomas L. Whitaker
Sgt. Leon E. Hebert	

PURPLE HEART

2nd Lieut. Joseph J. Dye	2nd Lieut. Donald H. Reichel
S/Sgt. Jack H. Parker	



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The following words and music I have dedicated to Captain Robert J. Schomp, Lieutenant Henry C. Preher, Lieutenant Robert Culwell, Lieutenant Sylvester Dittenner, T/Sgt. Edmund Radke, T/Sgt. John Hunter, S/Sgt. Joe Rosolino, S/Sgt. Elmer Flood, S/Sgt. Edward Malaney, and S/Sgt. Wayne Hogan. All but Sgt. Hogan are prisoners of War at present. Having flown with them was perhaps inspiration for this composition; I hope it does them justice:

### AIRMENS ROAD TO GLORY

It's an old and familiar story  
 Airmen ridin' the road to glory.  
 This is war, and we're all in it  
 But they're the ones who'll really win it!

#### CHORUS:

Let's raise a glass in solemn toast  
 To the gang we hold so dear  
 Let's drink it down with a smile and then  
 Give our men a hearty cheer!  
 They're riding high, they're in the sky  
 For the best part of the day  
 Where everything looks peaceful  
 But it's really not that way;  
 They're a striving, driving, fighting gang,  
 Lusty, Trusty, true - -  
 So raise your glass and hold it high  
 To the men who'll see us through.

F/O G. F. Classe

The piano score to the foregoing words is included in this Diary and attached as page 6.



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Intro ————— VERSE

CHORUS

TEMPO ff

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The musical score is handwritten on a piece of paper that appears to be a page from a diary. The paper has two punch holes at the top. The score is written on ten staves, each with a treble and bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The score is divided into sections: an 'Intro' section, a 'VERSE' section, and a 'CHORUS' section. The 'Intro' section is marked with a double bar line and the word 'Intro'. The 'VERSE' section is marked with a double bar line and the word 'VERSE'. The 'CHORUS' section is marked with a double bar line and the word 'CHORUS'. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings like 'ff' (fortissimo) and '>>'. The page is numbered '126' at the bottom right.





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100th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)  
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15 February 1945

SQUADRON HISTORY

January 1945

The new year began very quietly. The ships remained on the ground and aside from the huge dinner served in all messes at noontime things moved slowly and routinely all over the base. The weather was very cold and heat was hard to assure. Coke allotments were issued weekly and somehow there was always enough for the first five days and then suddenly there just wasn't enough to last out the week. The men scrapped around the barracks and in the areas to try and find wood, at least enough so that they could heat up the rooms long enough to get to bed comfortably. Once in the bed they managed to generate enough heat to last out the night. Though there were times during January when even that was too little and the icy winds poked their fingers down between the blankets and up through the divisions of the biscuits and one found that it was sometimes warmed up and around rather than in between the blankets. January was winter, there was no doubt of that.

On the second the ships went out to smash railway transport behind the German lines and their flight took them to Kreuznach and brought them back without loss. On the 3rd they went to Fulda for the same purpose. And came back without incident. The American-British attempts to squeeze Von Runstedt's troops back into the Reich following the break-through of the 16th of December was gaining ground and success was coming along. It was slow torturous work and the ground and air men listened to their radios and watched their maps and learned the names of places like St. Vith and learned their importance and watched the slow advance of the once-routed Yanks. They were coming back, but slow and solid.

The weather balked again on the fourth and snow added to the general hardships of keeping the Squadron operational. The Engineers worked in iced conditions and slipped and slid on the aircraft wings and worked on frigid hardstands, whipped by the Norfolk winds. The Ordnance and Armorers fought their way through the wetness and slush to put the bombs on the ships. And men slipped and bounced themselves on the ice and ruefully found that the earth was an unwelcome resting place.

In spite of the weather the ships got off the ground on the morning of the fifth and visited Frankfurt and its marshalling yards and this time they were not as lucky as previously. For the formation returned without Lieutenant Fred O. Parrish and his crew. They had been forced to bail out of their craft close to the German lines and were scattered on landing. The ship continued its way and finally crashed some 160 miles from that point. And in the days that were to come all of them were returned to the base, though Lieutenant Walter B. Cummings and Lieutenant Ledley were hospitalized, with Cummings going home and Ledley remaining in a French hospital for weeks to come.



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On the sixth the troops went off to bomb the yards at Annweiler and all returned safely, though Sergeant John L. Stachowiak, toggelier, was slightly injured by a stray bit of flak and while his injury was painful it wasn't serious.

The seventh found them over Cologne, the much-bombed Cathedral city, in another crack at German transportation. And all came back without even a scratch.

It snowed on the eighth and ninth. A good heavy snow that covered everything in sight and meant simply that the Snow and Ice Detail got a frequent summons to join their brethren at the Sub-Depot hangar for a session of shoveling sand mixtures over the runways and roads around the base. Those not on the detail huddled in and kept warm and moaned about hardships and all. They got to thinking about the men in the foxholes not so far away. And they held their silence.

On the morning of the tenth the ships went up in the darkness at eight o'clock. It was an overcast morning and they wheeled and climbed and disappeared into the clouds to form their flights. The morning was full of the throb of engines and the ground was carpeted in white wintry reminder. It was quiet down below. The Engineers and Ordnance men and all the rest who had gone to bed in the morning after their night's work. Suddenly ... in the quiet morning there was a sound as though the floorboards of heaven were being torn up. Then a grinding descending note climaxed with a heavy solid crash. Everywhere men ran to their doors to see where the plane had fallen. From the area in back of Station sick quarters a thick pillar of smoke mushroomed upwards. Another one had hit.

Someone found a helmet in the field across the road. Others said they had seen three, four ... six parachutes come down to the south of the field. No one was sure. Then someone figured the ship had hit near the bomb dump. Or was it too far to the right. No, it was in the dump. Or was it?

A healthy explosion settled all arguments. And then the rat-tat of machine gun fire. And a solid shaking explosion put a period to the sentence. It had definitely hit the dump. And for the next hour and a half it proclaimed to the whole countryside that it had. Great clouds of smoke punctuated with phosphorus and steel went rolling up and over the field. And from all sections of the field the men began to leave for the safety that waited down the roads off the base. Across the snow-covered fields men filed along steadily ... accompanied by the civilians who lived on the base. And the rabbits who struck off across the snow in a dead line AWAY from the sounds and fury of the exploding area. At eleven thirty the noises died down and the smoke cleared. It began to look as if it might be over. And at one fifteen it went on again better than ever. Headquarters began to watch the creep of the fires with some concern. It was headed for the 2000-pounders. And if they went ... They issued instructions for the closing of all blackout blinds to prevent the shatter of glass and everyone sat still and waited.

At three o'clock the fires were out. The blackout blinds were opened. And the ships came back from the mission to listen for once to the ground men's stories of the war.

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On the eleventh and the twelfth the ships stayed home. The progress of the American-British recovery on the Runstedt salient was coming along every stronger through the most appalling conditions of snow and ice. But it was coming along. And suddenly the Russians who had sat on their haunches for so long before ~~Wars~~ Warsaw and along the Vistula came to with a bang! They struck out savagely and deparately and in the remainder of January flooded in a great angry wave across the plains of Poland and East Prussia and into Germany itself. The ground men ~~haggan~~ began to think about home again.

On the 13th the ships visited Mainz with their greetings again. The 14th they reported on their bombing of Durbin. The weather was sour on the fifteenth and again on the sixteenth. But the morning of the seventeenth saw them on their way to Hamburg where they reported an excellent strike. But the off-again-on again weather went the other way again and it was not until the morning of the twentieth that they went out again. This time it was the same old marshalling yards at Heilbrunn that caught it. On the twentieth too the first of the Infantry shipments went out. ~~A~~ And with them went Private Warren Harris and Private Hoy H. Mitchell went out to the new service.

When the word went around that there were to be replacements for the Queen of Battles from the ground forces there was a hushed silence among the men. This was something new, something to be reckoned with. They read of the new appointment of General Ben Lear and connected the two items. And soon the newest greeting in the offices and the mess halls and on the line became not "What's cookin'" but "what do you hear from Lear!" And they waited and wondered what was coming.

On the twenty-first the ships flew to Ludwigshaven and then they stayed put for the next seven full days. And while they sat ... the weather had its field day. Snow, rain, sleet and more snow. The static pools overflowed over the roads .. the buildings leaked and all nature had one wild enjoyable spree. And the men suffered quietly through this ... what they hoped would be the last of the English winters.

On the twenty-eighth the ships struck Duisberg and the following day they made a successful trip to Kassel. The Runstedt bulge was only a pimple now and the Russians were approaching the Oder. The war was looking up. But the weather was looking down. And January came to a quiet close with all hands on deck but no action in sight. The weather became a little milder and the Big Three met in the Black Sea area and the first month of a new year had passed.

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## SQUADRON DIARY 418TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

JANUARY 1945

MONDAY, JANUARY 1: AFTER LAST NIGHT'S RELATIVELY QUIET GREETING OF THE NEW YEAR, THIS MORNING STARTED OFF WITH A MISSION FOR BIELEFELD, BUT WAS SCRUBBED.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2: TODAY THE CENTURY BOMBERS PUT UP A SQUADRON. WE CONTRIBUTED THREE CREWS, THE SECOND ELEMENT OF "A" FLIGHT. TARGET, A M/Y AT BAD KREUZNACH, A SMALL BUT BUSY ONE. THE OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE SAYS

"PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW THAT BOMB BURSTS ARE CONCEALED IN SMOKE OF PREVIOUS BOMBING THAT COMPLETELY BLANKETS TARGET AREA."

THE AIRCRAFT RETURNED WITHOUT DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3: THIS MORNING THE C.Q. ROUSED SIX SLEEPY CREWS TO FLY LEAD FLIGHT OF THE "B" SQDN. THE FULDA M/Y WERE ATTACKED BY PFF. THE M.O. (MICKEY OPERATOR) REPORTED HE BELIEVED THE GROUP HIT IN THE AREA OF THE M.P.I. THERE WAS 10/10 CLOUD ALL THE WAY. ONCE AGAIN NONE OF OUR PLANES WERE DAMAGED. THERE WAS LITTLE FLAK.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4: THE SNOW GIVES THE PLACE A WINTERY TOUCH. BUT IT ALSO MEANS SLIPPERY ROADS AND FROZEN WATERCLOSETS IN THE LATRINES. THE ENGLISH LATRINE IS TRULY A THING OF WONDER. POPULAR OPINION CLAIMS THEY ARE VIRTUALLY BOMBPROOF WITH ALL THEIR LITTLE CUBICLES WHERE ONE MAY "THINK" IN PEACE. THEY ARE BY FAR THE MOST SUBSTANTIAL BUILDINGS ON THE BASE EXCEPT FOR THE THICK WALLED "OPS BLOCK".

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5: BRIEFING AT 0500 HOURS THIS MORNING. TAKEOFF AT 0800. BY 1313 HOURS THE A/C WERE AT FRANKFURT AM MAIN TO VISIT THE MARSHALLING YARDS. THE APPROACH WAS UNDERCAST, BUT AT THE LAST MINUTE A HOLE OPENED AND THE BOMBARDIERS TOOK OVER TO DO A VISUAL JOB. HIGH CLOUD UP TO 23000 FT AND DENSE PERSISTENT CONTRAILS MADE FORMATION FLYING A SWEAT JOB. ELEVEN OF OUR A/C FLEW MAKING UP THE "C" SQDN. 517, WITH LT W.S. APPLETON PILOT, PICKED UP SLIGHT DAMAGE. LT W.V. MC GUIRE'S PLANES LANDED IN BELGIUM AFTER BOMBING. NINE HOURS ON OXYGEN. THAT MADE THE RETURNING CREWS PLENTY TIRED AS THE PLANES CAME STRAGGLING BACK THROUGH THE OVERCAST DURING THE AFTERNOON.

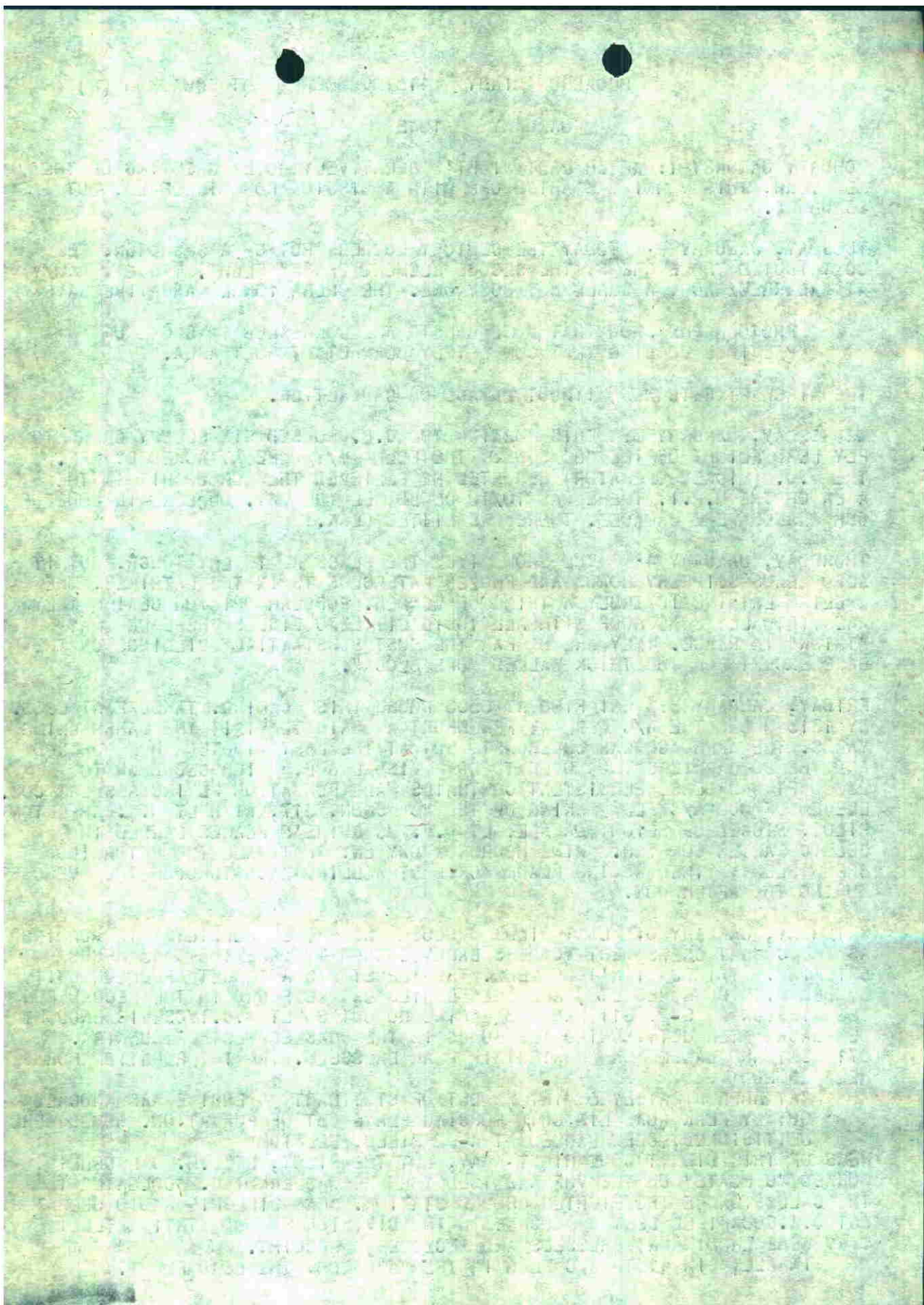
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6: LAST NIGHT'S SLUSH WAS FROZEN SOLDILY THIS MORNING AS THE COMBAT CREWS WENT TO MESS EARLY ENOUGH TO MAKE THE 0445 HOURS BRIEFING. THINGS DIDN'T GO WELL. THE TARGET WAS A TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY BOMBED WITH POOR RESULTS. ALL THE DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN THE RECORD FOR THE MISSION BY S-2. 811 HAD #3 ENGINE GO OUT SO LT W.C. IVOSJEVIC BROUGHT HER BACK AFTER JETTISONING THE BOMBS IN THE CHANNEL WEST OF DUNKIRK. 071 WENT AND LANDED ON AN AIRSTRIP NEAR BRUSSELS. THE INTEROGATION FORM RELATES HOW

"AT APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES WEST OF STUTTGART #4 ENGINE WAS KNOCKED OUT BY FLAK (GAS LIN CUT) FORCING PLANE OUT OF FORMATION. BOMBS WERE JETTISONED. CREW LANDED AT A-92 FIELD, BELGIUM"

NEWS OF THIS DIDN'T COME RIGHT AWAY, BUT THE PILOT, LT J.H. MC LAUGHLIN, WORKED "COLGATE" ON THE VHF AND TOLD THEM HE WAS LANDING. "COLGATE" IS THE CALL SIGN OF THE FIGHTER GROUND STATION. MEANWHILE HIS RADIO OPERATOR SGT C.A. LOCKFIELD SENT A MESSAGE TO THE DIVISION GROUND STATION TELLING THEY WERE LANDING AT BRUSSELS AND RECEIVED A RECEIPT.

IN ALL, SIX 418TH A/C FLEW IN THE "A" SQDN, THE LEAD FLIGHT.







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JANUARY 1945

ON THE GROUND, A NEW EXPERIMENT IS TRIED IN THE LATRINES. A ROLL OF THAT ESSENTIAL COMMODITY IS LEFT IN EACH STALL (OR CUBICLE IF YOU DESIRE) WITH THE HOPES THAT THEY WILL REMAIN THERE UNTIL NATURALLY USED UP. PREVIOUSLY A SINGLE ROLL WAS FIXED BY THE ENTRANCE AND WAS ALWAYS EXHAUSTED JUST ABOUT THE TIME THERE WAS NO ONE TO REPLENISH IT.

THE GERMANS PUSH ON THE SAAR. MONTGOMERY IS IN CHARGE OF THE ALLIED ARMIES AT THE ARDENNES.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7: TODAY SIX OF OUR CREWS FLEW THE HIGH AND LOW FLIGHTS OF THE "A" SQDN. THE "A" SQDN BOMBED AN AUTOBRIDGE NEAR COLOGNE BY PFF. THE MO. IS NOT SURE OF RESULTS. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES WITH OUR PLANES. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS VERY GOOD.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8: MORE SNOW TODAY. NO MISSION. 808 AND 092 WERE SENT UP FOR SLOW TIME FLIGHT. THE NOON SLUSH FROZE AT NIGHT. THE BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCES WE ARE NOW PART OF THE "THIRD AIR DIVISION"

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9: THERE WAS SEVERAL INCHES OF POWDER SNOW ON THE GROUND THIS MORNING. A MISSION FOR THE RAIL AY BRIDGES AT COLOGNE WAS SCRUBBED. IN THE AFTERNOON SEVERAL OF OUR A/C FLEW IN A PRACTICE MISSION. SNOW BALL FIGHTS WERE THE ORDER OF THE DAY, ESPECIALLY OUT ON THE PERIMETER TRACK WHERE LIVE THE FRISKY ENGINEERS.

OUR FIRST SGT, DAVE COX, WAS HAVING A HECTIC TIME LOOKING FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE. HE'S GOING TO MARRY A WAG FROM DIVISION HQ. TROUBLE IS THAT DISS DOESN'T WANT TO ISSUE ONE CAUSE SHE ISN'T FROM DISS. AND AT THETFORD, THEY DON'T WANT TO ISSUE ONE CAUSE HE'S NOT FROM THETFORD. MORE DOGGONED FUN."

BUT HE GOT IT FINALLY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10: TARGET TODAY A RAILWAY BRIDGE NEAR COLOGNE. PFF APPROACH, BUT AT THE LAST MINUTE A HOLE ALLOWED VISUAL BOMBING. INTERPRETATION OF "HOT PRINT PHOTOS" SHOWED POOR RESULTS. 525, LT D.C. LILJENQUIST PILOT, RECEIVED SERIOUS DAMAGE FROM FLAK. 992 FAILED TO RETURN, THAT'S LT G.P. KANE'S CREW.

THIS MORNING ONLY A FEW MINUTES AFTER SGT COX TOOK OFF TO BE MARRIED, A B-17 CAME PLUNGING FROM THE LOW CLOUDS WITH CHUTES COMING FROM IT. A SHORT DISTANCE ABOVE THE GROUND IT BROKE UP, PARTS LANDED IN OUR BOMB DUMP AMONG THE CHEMICAL BOMBS. THAT STARTED THE THINGS GOING. FOR THE REST OF THE MORNING AND WELL ON INTO THE AFTERNOON THE BASE SHOOK WITH THE EXPLOSIONS WHILE A GREAT UNREAL TOWER OF FAT GREASY BLACK SMOKE SMEARED AGAINST THE DISMAL GREY OVERCAST. THE HOSPITAL SITE WAS EVACUATED AS ALSO WERE THE TWO LIVING SITES NEAR THE DUMP. THE TANNY SYSTEM WARNED EVERYONE TO STAY INDOORS AND AWAY FROM WINDOWS. ABOUT NOON THE EXPLOSIONS DIED DOWN, BUT ONLY TO FLARE UP AGAIN. ABOUT 1400 HOURS ALL PERSONEL NOT DOING ESSENTIAL OUTDOORS WORK WERE ORDERED INDOORS. SO FAR ONLY TWO H.E. BOMBS HAD GONE OFF. BLACKOUT CURTAINS WERE ORDERED DRAWN TO PROTECT AGAINST FLYING GLASS SHOULD ANY WINDOWS BE SHATTERED. FROM OUR SITE WE HAD A GOOD VIEW OF THE CONFLIGRATION. TONGUES OF FLAME SHOT UP IN THE SMOKE. INCENDIARIES ARCED UP SPARKLING YELLOW. IT WAS NOT UNTIL ABOUT 1630 TH ALL WAS QUIET. IF THE HEAVY STUFF HAD GONE OFF, IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN GOOD.

THE PLANES CAME BACK ABOUT MID AFTERNOON AND CIRCLED. SOME WERE DIVERTED TO HORHAM AND TO PULHAM. ALL THE 418TH DISPERSAL AREAS WERE CLEARED OF ENGINEERS.

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JANUARY 1945

JUST TO HELP THINGS ALONG, THIS MORNING BEFORE ALL THIS STARTED, THE BARRACKS NEXT TO THE ORDERLY ROOM CAUGHT FIRE, OR RATHER THE IMPROVISED OIL BURNING STOVE DID. THE FIRE TRUCKS WERE THERE AND EVERYTHING AT THE STILL DARK HOUR OF 0700 HOURS.

AS A RESULT, ALL SUCH STOVES ARE TO BE REMOVED FROM THE BARRACKS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11: NO MISSION TODAY. THE BOMB DUMP IS BEING SEARCHED FOR SEVERAL UNEXPLODED BOMBS THAT ARE MISSING.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, THE SNOW BEGAN TO MELT AGAIN TODAY. ALL THE ROADS ARE ~~VERY~~ SLICK. DAVE BOX IS ON HIS HONEYMOON IN LONDON.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13: SLUSH AND PUDDLES GALORE TODAY. LOTS OF PUDDLES MEAN LOTS OF WET FEET FOR WE HAD OUR OVERSHOES COLLECTED LAST FALL.

SIX OF OUR A/C TOOK PART IN A RAID ON A BRIDGE AT ~~WINDHOLM~~ MAINZ. NO DAMAGE TO OUR A/C. RESULTS POOR.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14: TODAY LT A.R. CALDER'S CREW RETURNED FROM BELGIUM. THEY HAD BAILD OUT ON A PREVIOUS MISSION WHEN FLAK SET THEIR WING AFIRE.

TEN OF OUR SHIPS MADE UP PARTS OF THE HUNDREDTH TODAY, TWO IN THE HIGH FLIGHT "A" SQDN; 4 IN LEAD OF THE "B"; AND FOUR IN THE HIGH OF THE "C" THE DERBEN OIL STORAGE PLANT WAS ATTACKED VISUALLY. THE OPERATION NARRATIVE REPORTS

"-PHOTOS SHOW 100 A AND 100 C BOMBS ALL FELL TOGETHER IN A LOOSE PATTERN ACCROS MP1 --- VERY GOOD BOMBING RESULTS"

THE "B" WAS REPORTED AS DOING POOR.

TODAY WAS A BUSY DAY FOR THE GUNNERS. FW-190'S AND ME-109'S ATTACKED. THE FIGHTER COVER BROKE UP THEIR FORMATIONS, BUT MANY STILL GOT THROUGH. THE 100TH IS CREDITED WITH SIX DESTROYED, 2 PROBABLES, 2 DAMAGED. OF THESE FOUR OF THE DESTROYED WERE BY OUR MEN AS WAS ONE DAMAGED. HERE ARE THE COMPLETE STORIES AS TAKEN FROM THE CLAIMS.

DESTROYED, FW 190, BY SGT J.P. JUDD, B.T. IN 517, LT W.S. APPLETON PILOT IN THE "B" SQDN.

"ONE FW 190 CAME IN FROM 6 O'CLOCK LOW. T.G. STARTED FIRING WHEN E/A WAS 600 YARDS AWAY BUT HIS GUN JAMMED AND B.T. OPENED UP AT APPROXIMATELY 800 YARDS DISTANCE. E/A CAME TO WITHIN 200-300 YARDS WHEN B.T. OBSERVED WHAT HE THOUGHT TO BE PART OF LEFT WING FALL OFF. E/A WENT DOWN IN FLAMES, SPINNING."

THE T/G. CONFIRMED THIS

"I SAW THIS E/A GO DOWN SPINNING AND COVERED IN FLAMES AND WATCHED HIM UNTIL HE WAS APPROXIMATELY DOWN TO 10,000 FT."

DESTROYED, ME 109 BY S/SGT W.F. DONDERO, T.G. IN 673, LT F.H. MIKESH PILOT IN THE "C" SQDN.

"2 ME 109'S BROKE OUT OF AN ATTACK ON THE 390TH B.G. AND CAME IN FROM 6 O'CLOCK A LITTLE HIGH. T.G. OPENED UP AT 1000 YARDS. E/A KEPT COMING IN AND T.G. KEPT FIRING. AT 300 YARDS E/A ON T.G.'S LEFT BURST INTO FLAMES AROUND ENGINE AND COCKPIT. IT FELL OFF ON WING AND WENT INTO UNCONTROLLED SPIN AND EXPLODED, COMPLETELY DISINTEGRATING."

DESTROYED: FW 190 BY S/SGT D. REYNOLDS, L.W. IN 616 FLYING IN THE "B" SQDN. "F.W. 190 CAME IN ON LEFT WAIST FROM A THIRTY DEGREE ANGLE LEVEL FROM THE TAIL. I GAVE HIM THREE BURSTS OF ABOUT 20 ROUNDS EACH AND AT THE END OF THE SECOND BURST, THE ENGINE BURST INTO FLAMES. WITH THE



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THIRD BURST THE WHOLE RIGHT WING AND ENGINE WERE ABLAZE. I WATCHED AND THE PLANE WENT INTO A FLAT SPIN AND WAS COMPLETELY ENVELOPED IN FLAME. I WATCHED IT FALL FOR ABOUT 2000 FEET AND THEN TURNED MY ATTENTION TO ANOTHER E/A. THE THREE BURST WERE FIRED AT A DISTANCE OF FROM 800 TO 400 YARDS RESPECTIVELY."

THE TOP TURRET CONFIRMED THIS,

"THIS E/A WAS JUST A MASS OF FLAME AND IT WENT RIGHT ON DOWN FLAMING UNTIL IT HIT THE GROUND."

DESTROYED, F.W. 190 BY SGT V. MAXTED, T.G. IN 616.

"ONE F.W. 190 CAME IN ON A PURSUIT CURVE FROM THE LEFT AND AROUND AT 8 O'CLOCK, WHEN HE WAS 800 YARDS OUT, I FIRED 2 BURSTS OF 25 ROUNDS EACH. AT 400 YARDS THE E/A TURNED OVER ON ITS BACK AND BEGAN SMOKING. IT WENT INTO A DIVE AND THEN BURST INTO FLAME. THIS F.W. 190 DOVE ON DOWN TO ABOUT 15000 FT STILL BURNING."

THE TOP TURRET CONFIRMED THIS.

"I FOLLOWED THIS E/A ON DOWN AND SAW IT HIT THE GROUND."

DAMAGED, ME 109 BY SGT. M STEFERS IN 616.

"ME 109 STARTED IN AT 2 O'CLOCK LOW AT 1000 YARDS DISTANCE AND CAME TO WITHIN 150 YARDS AND BROKE AWAY UNDER OUR A/C. E/A WAS SMOKING AS IT BROKE AWAY AND DAMAGE TO OUR A/C PREVENTED FURTHER OBSERVATION FROM CLAIMANT BUT T.T. OBSERVED IT GOING DOWN IN SMOKE AND SOME FIRE."

R.W. SAW IT GOING DOWN WITH PLENTY OF SMOKE AND FIRE TRAILING."

MONDAY, JANUARY 15: A MISSION FOR THE KEMPTON A/C FACTORY WAS SCRUBBED.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16: A MISSION FROM THE LEIPZIG AERO ENGINE FACTORY WAS SCRUBBED. THE BARRACKS ARE BEING REPAINTED BY ENGLISH WORKERS.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17: NEWS CAME TODAY THAT LT G.P. KANE'S CREW IS SAFE IN BELGIUM. BRIEFING AT 0530 HOURS THIS MORNING FOR A RAID ON THE OIL REFINERY AT HAMBURG. NINE OF OUR CREWS FLEW. MAJOR ROSENTHAL LED THE GROUP IN A PFF. THE TARGET WAS RAIDED UNDER VISUAL CONDITIONS. THE OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE SAYS,

"THE RHENANIA OIL REFINERY AT HAMBURG WAS BOMBED VISUALLY WITH PFF ASSISTS BY SQUADRONS. OBSERVING CREW MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT TARGET AREA WAS WELL COVERED WITH A RATHER LOOSE PATTERN WITH GOOD RESULTS. JUST AFTER WE TURNED FROM THE TARGET, THREE LARGE EXPLOSIONS WERE SEEN IN THE BLACK SMOKE THAT COVERED THE AREA WHERE OUR BOMBS HIT."

FLAK WAS INTENSE. THREE OF OUR A/C RECEIVED SLIGHT DAMAGE, LT W.S. APPLETON 517, RECEIVED SERIOUS DAMAGE. LT T.J. CARLEY'S 945, LT P.E. DE WEERDT'S 231 AND LT A.J. DOWNING'S 817 WERE THOSE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. LT MASHYNA IN 636 PICKED UP SERIOUS DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES TO OUR MEN.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18: NOTHING DOING.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19: DITTO



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20: BRIEFING AT 0430 HOURS THIS MORNING. NINE OF OUR A/C FLEW IN THE "C" SQDN TO ATTACK THE SECONDARY TARGET AT HEILBRONN BY PFF WITH VISUAL ASSISTANCE. 945 CAME BACK EARLY WHEN #2 ENGINE WENT OUT. LT T.J. CARLEY JETTISONED THE BOMBS IN THE CHANNEL. LT A.J. DOWNING BOMBED BY HIMSELF BECAUSE HIS WINDSHIELD WAS ICED UP. HE TOOK THE TARGET OF A PRECEDING GROUP, AND AUTOBUND AND R.R. INTERSECTION. HIS INTERROGATION FORM SAYS THE BOMBS WERE SEEN WALK OVER THE POINT. LT MASHYNA IN 230 TURNED BACK AFTER CONTROL POINT 1, HE COULDN'T KEEP UP BECAUSE #1 WAS THROWING OIL, #2 HAD MANIFOLD PRESSURE OFF AND #4 WAS MISSING. HE BROUGHT BACK HIS BOMBS. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES FROM ENEMY ACTION.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21: EIGHT OF OUR CREWS BRAVED THE "SOUP" THIS MORNING TO ATTACK THE M/Y AT MANNHEIM. THAT "BRAVED THE 'SOUP'" ISN'T EXAGGERATION EITHER. ITS NOT HEALTHY TO FLY CLOSE FORMATION WHEN YOUR WING MAN IS MORE OFTEN INVISIBLE THAN VISIBLE. THE OPERATION NARRATIVE MENTIONED IT, TELLING HOW FORMATIONS WERE BROKEN UP AND OF SEVERAL NARROW ESCAPES BY CREWS OF OUR GROUP. THE M.O. ESTIMATES THAT THE "A" SQDN HIT THE M.P.I. LT MASHYNE IN 230 HAD A RUNAWAY PROP ON #1 ENGINE AND WAS BACK AT 1145. 811, LT J.B. BAYLEY PILOT, RECEIVED SLIGHT FLAK DAMAGE.

~~MONDAY~~

MONDAY, JANUARY 22: NOTHING DOING.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23: NO MISSION TODAY. THERE WAS A MEETING OF THE SQUADRON AT THE BASE THEATRE AT 1800 HOURS. MAJOR ROSENTHAL TOLD OF THE FORTHCOMING INSPECTION ABOUT FEB. 14. LT RAMSEY ADDED DETAILS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF RIBBONS AND THE NUMBER OF STARS THEREON. WE'RE ENTITLED TO THREE STARS ON THE E.T.O. RIBBON, BUT WILL WEAR ONLY TWO. THE DOCTOR ~~WAS~~ FOLLOWED WITH A LECTURE ON V.D. AND THE UNDESIRABLE RISE IN ANGLO-AMERICAN PARENTHOOD. CAPTAIN MARSH FOLLOWED WITH DETAILS ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WHICH WILL SOON BE SET UP TO LAY A FOUNDATION FOR A PROGRAM TO SUSTAIN MORALE AFTER THE WAR IS OVER. THIS WILL BE CENTERED ABOUT EDUCATION, RECREATION AND ATHLETICS. HE EXPLAINED THAT ANY UNIT MAY FALL INTO ONE OF FOUR CATEGORIES,

- A- TO GO TO THE CBI AT ONCE.
- B- TO GO TO THE U.S. FOR REOUTFITTING.
- C- FORCES OF OCCUPATION
- D- UNITS WHOSE FATE IS UNDETERMINED.

OF COURSE, ALL THESE PRESUME THE END OF THE EUROPEAN PHASE OF THE WAR. THERE WILL BE TWO PHASES TO THE SCHOOLING PROGRAM. ONE TO BEGIN AT ONCE, THE INAUGURATION OF FREE TIME CLASSES. THE OTHER AT THE END OF HOSTILITIES WILL FEATURE MORE ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23: NOTHING DOING.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24. A MISSION WAS PLANNED FOR HOHENBULLBURG BUT SCRUBBED.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25: MISSION FOR DUISBURG COKING PLANT SCRUBBED.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26: NOTHING DOING.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27: MISSION FOR HAMBURG SCRUBBED, WHICH THE CREWS DON'T MIND AT ALL. HAMBURG FLAK ISN'T HEALTHY.



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## SQUADRON DIARY 418 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

JANUARY 1945

MONDAY, JANUARY 28 NINE OF OUR A/C RAIDED A BRIDGE AT DUISBERG. THREE FLEW IN THE "A" SQDN, THREE IN THE "B" SQDN AND THREE IN THE "C" SQDN. THE OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE LISTS THE RESULTS AS

"100 A -- VERY GOOD

100 B -- EXCELLENT, HIT T.O., A HIGHWAY BRIDGE.

100 C -- VERY GOOD.

THERE WAS SOME FLAK DAMAGE, ALL OF IT SLIGHT; 517, LT. W.S. APPLETON; 811, LT H.B. BAYLEY; 230, LT R.E. EVANS; 005, LT D.C. LILJENQUIST; 636, LT W.V. MC GUIRE.

MONDAY JANUARY 29: THE HUNDREDTH PUT UP 42 A/C THIS MORNING, THREE SQUADRONS PLUS SIX CHAFF SHIPS. WE PUT UP ELEVEN OF THESE A/C, ALL THE A/C OF THE "A" SQDN EXCEPT FOR THE PFF LEAD SHIP. THE 100 A BOMBED VISUALLY ON KASSEL AND THE OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE SAYS PHOTOS SHOW THEIR BOMBING RESULTS TO BE GOOD. THE COVER WAS 10/10 UNDERCAST ALL THE WAY IN AND BACK, EXCEPT FOR A BREAK OVER THE TARGET.

TUESDAY JANUARY 30: NOTHING DOING.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31: NOTHING DOING.

SCORE, JANUARY.

BRIEFED, 21. COMPLETED, 13. SCRUBBED, 8.

SECRET

FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF  
Office of the Engineering Officer

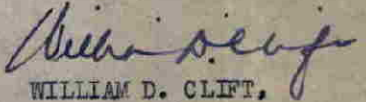
Station 139,  
3 February, 1945.

SUBJECT: Resume of activities of Engineering Section of Four Hundred and Eighteenth Bombardment Squadron for month of January 1945.

TO : Headquarters, AAF Station 139, APO 559.

1. The compilation of statistics below designates the activities of the Engineering Section of this squadron for the month of January 1945.

- a. Ninety-nine operational sorties were completed.
- b. Twenty-six engines were changed.
- c. Eighty-six percent of our aircraft were operational for the month.
- d. Three of our aircraft landed on the continent returning from operational missions, of these one was returned to this base and is operational at present.
- e. No aircraft lost to the enemy during this period.

  
WILLIAM D. CLIFT,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Engineering Officer.



351ST BOMB SQUADRON ARMAMENT ACTIVITY  
FOR JANUARY, 1945

The Squadron Armament Section loaded bombs on 104 ships for a total of 13 missions during the month of January. On two occasions due to the extreme cold at altitude, there were cases of turrets freezing up but nothing could possibly be done about it due to the limitations of the equipment we are using. Cold at 28,000 feet was known to reach 50 degrees below zero on some missions.

When the year began, ten ships of the Squadron were out of commission in one way or another due to enemy action the last part of December. It is noteworthy here to say that all such ships were back in commission on the 3rd of January. Five new ships, three of which arrived on the second and two on the 3rd were immediately worked on by the section and were ready to be put in combat commission within a few days of their arrival in the Squadron. About the 8th every-ship in the Squadron was in for armament.

On January 9th, the Technical Inspector checked our records and facilities. There were no irregularities other than those beyond our control, such as Tech Order shortages; these however, were on requisition.

January 10th, the Armament Officer and assistant Armament Officer, and NCO in charge of the section, M/Sgt. Swank, attended a meeting at Captain Mitchell's Office to learn more about tow flares, as well as to cover other items of importance including new procedure to be used in reporting modifications and TO compliances.

January 11th, modifications on new ships were going ahead on schedule and bomb bay door heaters were ordered for these ships. A work order for flare boxes for the Squadron was also put in on this date.

Two new crews, numbers 50 and 53, were given their second phase of instruction in Armament on January 13th. S/Sgt. Granger and Cpl. Fiery carried out this assignment.

January 15th, the Squadron Armament Officer formulated a check list for Armament personnel to cover maintenance and modifications. This list is to cover maintenance in the tents and dispersals as well as in the ships, and will give all members of the section something for ready reference to work with.

In spite of the severe cold during during January and other obstacles in the path of maximum efficiency, malfunctions were kept to a minimum and the Squadron finished up the month along these lines with more satisfaction than it had expected to have.

The strength of the section at the close of January was two officers and twenty-eight enlisted men. One enlisted man, Cpl. Russell Stieler, was hospitalized with yellow jaundice. One man in the turret section, S/Sgt. Payne, volunteered for duty with the infantry and was replaced by Pvt. John Young. The strength of the turret section remained at seven men.

*E. J. Kraft*  
E. J. KRAFT,  
1st Lieut., Ord.  
Squadron Armament Officer.



## SQUADRON DIARY 418TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

DECEMBER 1944

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1: NO MISSION TODAY. THE ENGINEERS HAVE A CHANCE TO REPAIR THE SIX PLANES HIT BY FLAK ON YESTERDAY'S MISSION.

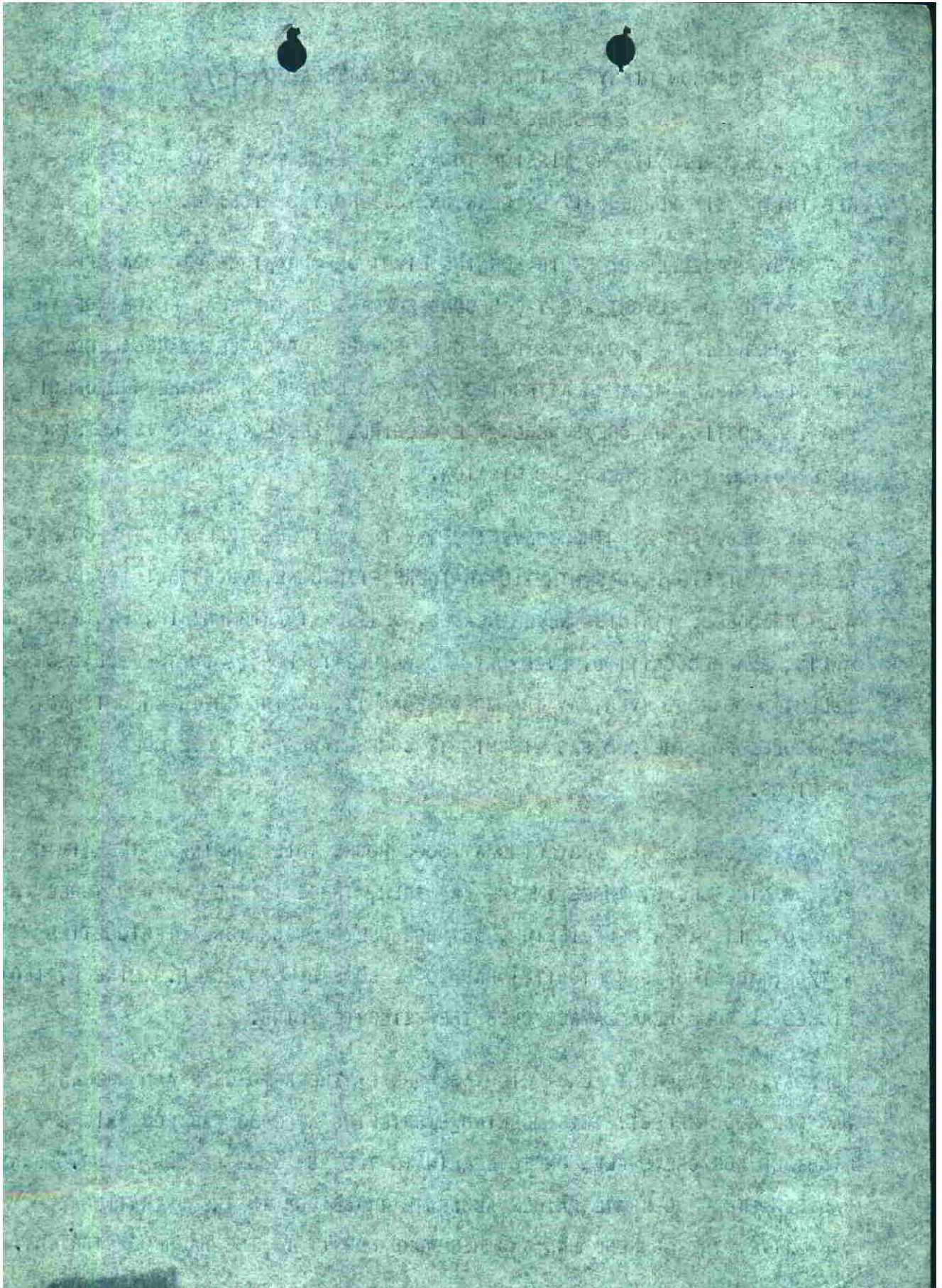
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2: THIS MORNING EIGHT OF OUR AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF TO FLY THE LOW FLIGHT AND THE SECOND ELEMENT OF THE LEAD FLIGHT OF THE "A" SQUADRON. THE GROUP WAS DEEP OVER EUROPE BEFORE BEING RECALLED. BUT SINCE THERE WERE NO ATTACKING E/A, NO LOSSES OR DAMAGE AND CREDIT FOR THE SORTIE THE CREWS WEREN'T EXCEEDINGLY PEEVED. THERE IS NOTHING MORE FUTILE THAN A RECALLED MISSION.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3: THE "SEVENTH" DAY IS A BIT RESTFUL FOR THE COMBAT REWS. NO MISSION. NO SYNTHETIC TRAINERS EITHER ALTHOUGH TRAINING CLASSES ARE SCHEDULED. TRAINING NEVER CEASES. CLASSES IN AIRMANSHIP, ENGINEERING, RADIO, E/A RECOGNITION. EVERYDAY A SCHEDULE IS POSTED ON THE SQUADRON BULLETIN BOARDS. EVERYDAY THE CREWS SCAN IT, HOPING THEIR CREW IS NOT SCHEDULED FOR THE OLD SACK IS MIGHTY COMFORTABLE ON THESE COLD DAMP MORNINGS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4: BRIEFING AT 0600 HOURS THIS MORNING. THE 418TH PUT UP NINE CREWS, THREE IN THE "A" SQDN, THREE IN THE "B" AND THREE IN THE "C". IT WAS A PFF MISSION, BUT BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES A T/O (TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY) HAD TO BE BOMBED. 873, LT F.H. MIKESH, PILOT, PICKED UP SOME FLAK DAMAGE OVER THE SEIGFRIED LINE.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5: LAST NIGHT'S WORK BY THE ARMORERS AND ORDNANCE WAS FOR GOOD EFFECT. THIS MORNING'S BRIEFING AT 0430 WAS FOR "BIG B". EIGHT OF OUR CREWS FLEW ON TO BERLIN IN THE "B" SQDN OF OUR GROUP. FLAK WAS REPORTED "MODERATE FAIRLY ACCURATE TRACKING" IN THE OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE. THE GUNNERS HAD ANOTHER WORD FOR IT IN THE WASHROOM TONIGHT.







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416TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

DECEMBER 1944

092, LT B.F. MORIN'S CREW, FAILED TO RETURN FROM THE MISSION FOR "UNKNOWN CAUSES". 649, LT W.S. APPLETON PILOT, PICKED UP SLIGHT FLAK DAMAGE BETWEEN THE 1/PZ AND B.R.V.L. LT. B.B. BLACKMAN'S PLANE RECEIVED SLIGHT DAMAGE ALSO, AS DID 517, LT T.J. CARLEY PILOT.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6: STAND DOWN TODAY.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7: DITTO

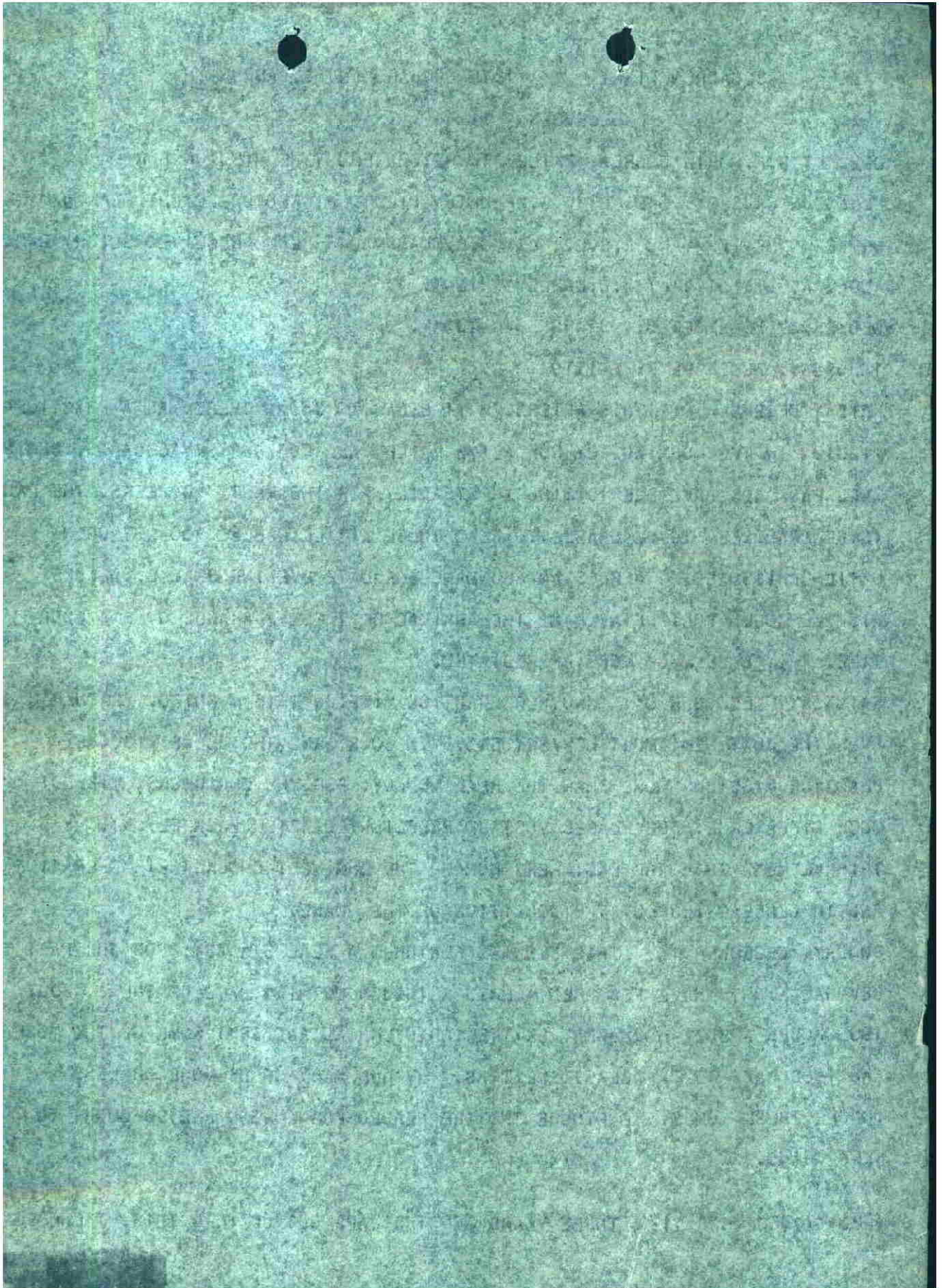
FRIDAY DECEMBER 8: THIS AFTERNOON IT BEGAN TO SNOW. THERE WAS A PRACTICE MISSION IN THE MORNING. BY NOW WE'VE MAILED ALL OUR CHRISTMAS CARDS. CHRISTMAS PACKAGES HAVE BEEN COMING IN STEADILY FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THE LADS IN GENERAL SEEM TO BE UNABLE TO READ THOSE LITTLE LABELS "DO NOT OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS". THERE'S AN ABUNDANCE OF LATE EVENING SNACKS. WE JUST WISH WE COULD SORT OF AVERAGE THE ARRIVAL OF THESE PACKAGES OVER A LONG TIME. THEY'D BE MUCH MORE APPRECIATED.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9: ANOTHER PRACTICE MISSION THIS MORNING. WEATHER OVER THE CONTINENT MUST BE VERY BAD. IN SOME WAYS THE CREWS DISLIKE PRACTICE MISSIONS MORE THAN THE REAL ME DOY. FOR THE ENGINEERS, IT'S NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE. THE PLANES MUST BE PREFLIGHTED AFTER EACH FLIGHT. BY THIS WE MEAN THAT THE ENGINEERS RUN UP THE ENGINES, CHECK THEIR OPERATION AND IN GENERAL INSPECT THE CONDITION OF THE PLANE.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10: THIS EVENING FEATURED A REAL STANDBY. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL NIGHTS HAVE FEATURED ALERTS ALTHOUGH NOTHING CAME OF THEM. ABOUT 1900 HOURS A BUZZ-BOMB WENT SKITTERING OVERHEAD AND SENT SOME OF THE MORE CAUTIOUS LADS TO THE BLAST SHELTERS. BY NOW MANY OF US MORE OR LESS IGNORE THESE BOMBS. WE FIGURE THEY'RE HEADED FOR LONDON AND SO OUGHT TO KEEP GOING.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11: THREE YEARS AGO THE JAPS GOT US INTO THIS. THERE'S







## 41ST BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) SQUADRON DIARY

DECEMBER 1944

LITTLE NOTE OF THIS ON THE BASE. THERE WAS A MISSION TODAY TO KOBLENZ. THIRTEEN OF OUR CREWS FLEW THE WHOLE OF THE "B" SQDN. MAJOR WALLACE LED THE GROUP IN A 351ST PFF SHIP. NEAR THE M/V AT KOBLENZ, THE SECONDARY TARGET, CREWS SAW THE TRAIL OF A V-2 ROCKET. FIVEMINUTES LATER IT WOULD BE CRASHING IN OR ABOUT LONDON. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE FOR OUR AIRCRAFT.

BACK IN THE SQUADRON AREA, WE RAN OUT OF ~~COAL~~ COAL. THE BIG CEMENT FLOORED SQUARE HAD ONLY STRAY PEICES OF COKE. UNLESS WE GET SOME, IT WILL BE A BIT CHILLY. THE ALERT LIGHT WAS RED EARLY IN THE EVENING.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12: TWELVE OF OUR CREWS ATTACKED DARMSTADT. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS REPORTED GOOD, THERE WAS NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

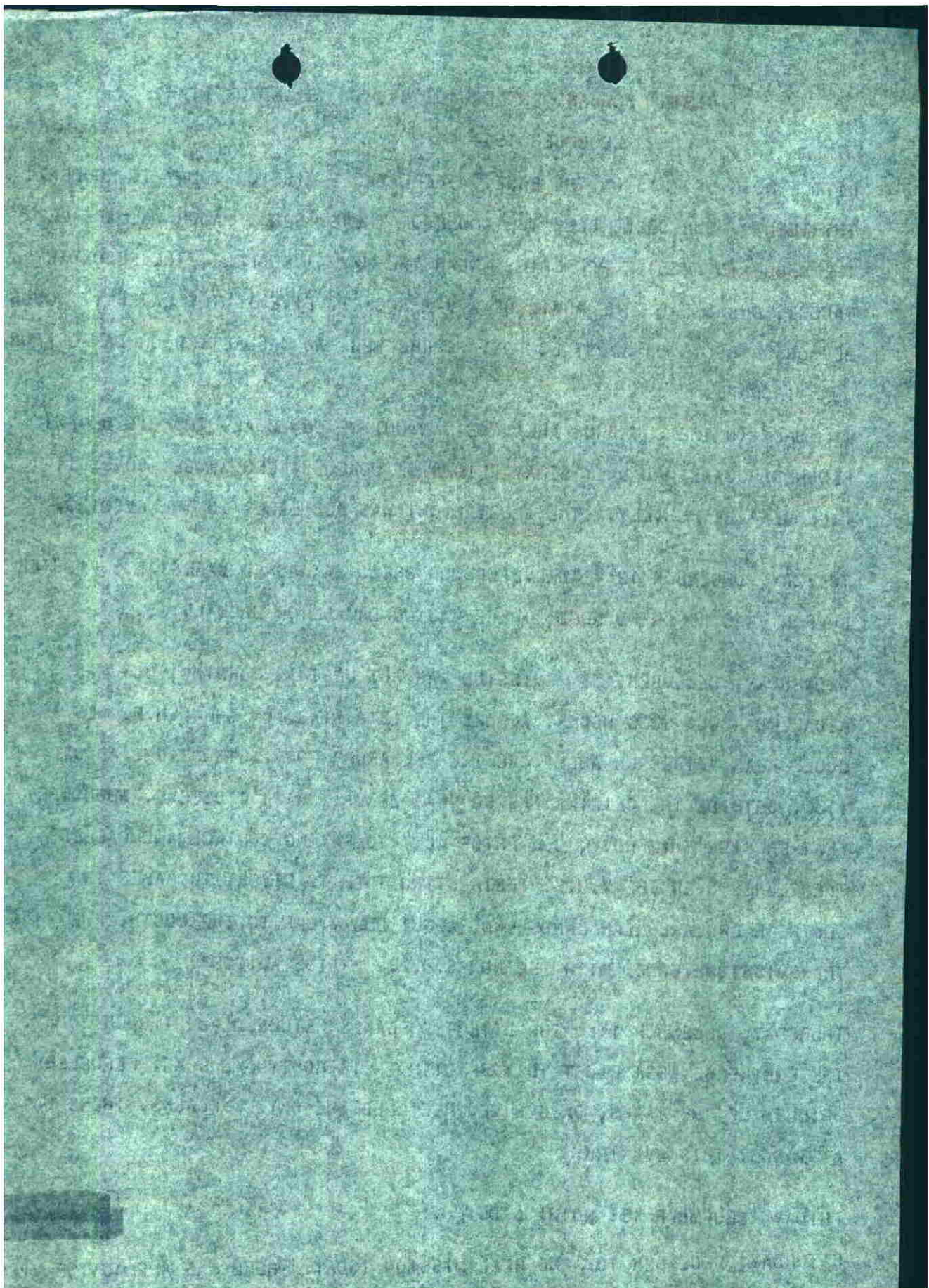
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13: A MISSION WAS PUT UP THIS MORNING, BUT WAS REDCALLED ABOUT 1030 HOURS. WE LED THE 13TH WING. ON THE V.H.F. WE COULD HEAR "FIREBALL ABLE" CALLING "GULLARUP" FOR INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT 1130. OUTSIDE THE CEILING WAS SO NEAR ZERO IT WASN'T USEFUL. WHEN THE WEATHER DIDN'T IMPROVE, COL PRICE WENT TO FLYING CONTROL AND CALLED THE PLANES OVER THE V.H.F. INSTRUCTING THEM TO DIVERT TO BASES IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND NEAR LANDS END, ABOUT 250 MILES TO THE SOUTH. THE TRANSMISSIONS ENDED WITH THE NON S.O.P. "ADIOS AMIGOS".

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14: THE DIVERTED PLANES RETURNED ABOUT NOON TODAY. THE ENGINEERS WENT RIGHT TO WORK WITH THEIR ROUTINE CHECKS. REFUELERS FILLED UP THE TANKS, OXYGEN MEN REFILLED THE OXYGEN FLASKS. THERE WAS A STANDBY THIS EVENING.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15: NOTHING DOING.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16: NO REAL MISSION TODAY. THERE WAS A PRACTICE MISSI







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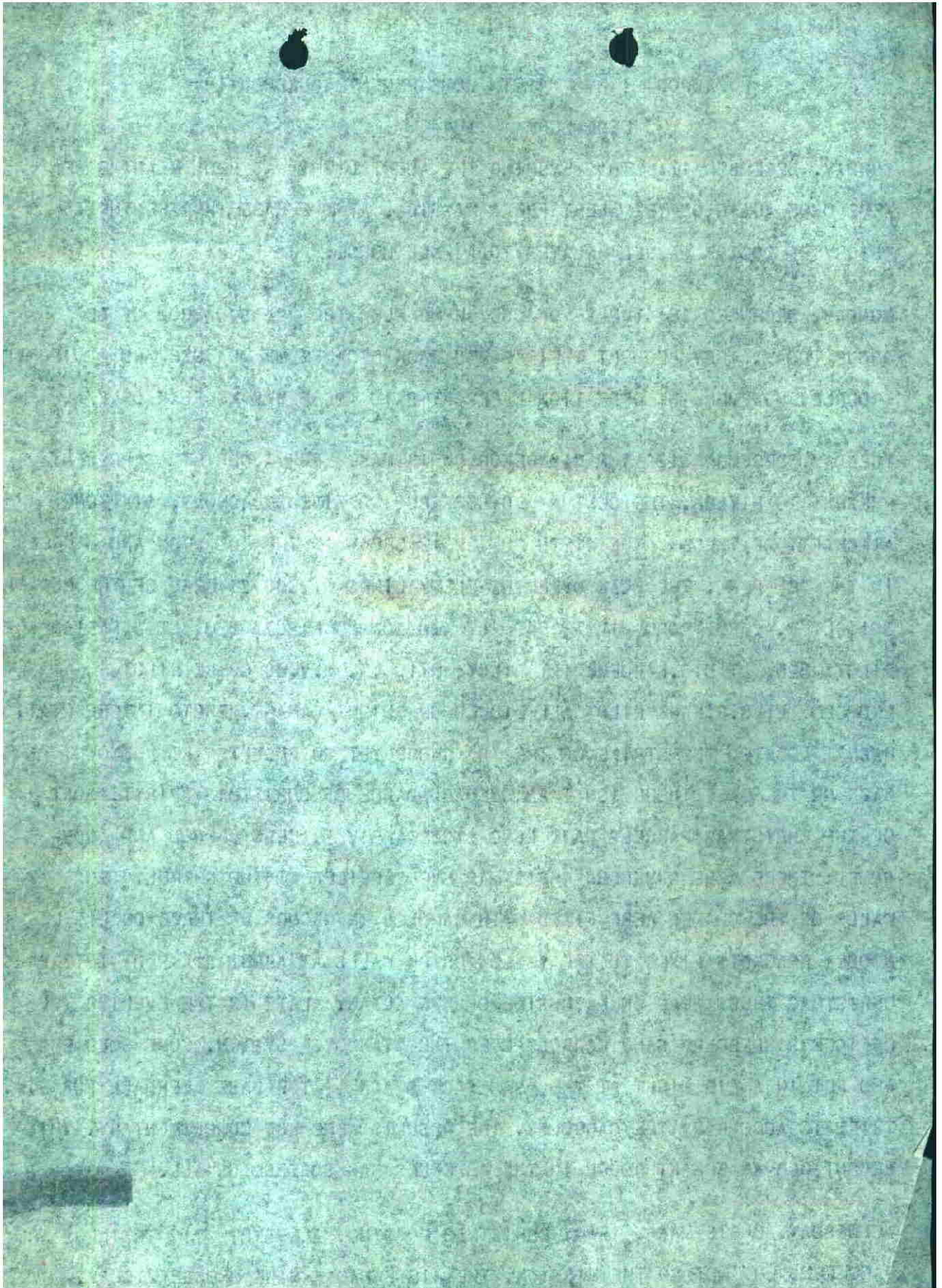
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17: THIS EVENING THE ALERT LIGHT WAS RED, MEANING WE WERE ONCE AGAIN ON THE ALERT FOR A MISSION. AT THE BASE THEATRE THE "STORY OF DOCTOR MASSEL" PLAYED TO A FULL HOUSE.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18: TWELVE OF OUR CREWS FLE THE "C" SQUADRON OF THE GROUP TODAY. THEY BROUGHT THEIR BOMBS BACK BECAUSE OF WEATHER AND EQUIPMENT TROUBLE. HOWEVER THE OPERATIONAL REPORT SAID THERE WAS NO FLAK OR E/A.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19: THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO HITLER, THE CENTURY BOMBERS PUT UP FIVE SQUADRONS, SIXTYONE AIRCRAFT. OF THESE, THE 418TH PUT UP 12 CREWS IN THE "D" SQDN AND 3 CREWS IN THE "E" SQDN. THE FLAK OVER THE ENEMY LINES WINGED SEVERAL OF THE PLANES, 361, LT D.A. ARMSTRONG PILOT; 649, LT A. J. DOWING PILOT; 636, LT J. FABIAN PILOT; 525, LT D.O. LILJENDQUIST PILOT; 071, LT. W.V. MC GUIRE PILOT, AND 090, LT G.P. KANE PILOT ALL PICKED UP SLIGHT DAMAGE. PHOTO INTERPRETATION HADN'T LOCATED THE STRIKE OF THE "D" GROUP YET SO RESULTS ARE UNKNOWN. BACK ON THE BASE THERE ISN'T AN OVERABUNDANCE OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. MOST OF THE CHRISTMAS PARCELS HAVE LONG SINCE ARRIVED, BEEN OPENED AND CONSUMED. THERE WERE NUMEROUS CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT THE CHAPEL. THE WALLS OF THE CHAPEL WERE FIXED WITH CANDLES IN GROUPS OF THREE ON LITTLE WOODEN BRACKETS FIXED TO THE YELLOW BRICK WALLS AT ABOUT SIX FOOT INTERVALS. CHRISTMAS TREES WERE ON EACH SIDE OF THE ALTAR. LATE IN THE EVENING THE OFFICERS GLEE CLUB SANG CAROLS OVER THE "TANBOY" SYSTEM. SOME SOLDIERS WHO PUT IN A BIG NIGHT AT THE "SAD SACK SACK" (THE BASE BEERHALL FOR E.M.) TRIED TO ACCOMPANY THE CAROLS, THE RESULTS WERE NOT COMPLIMENTARY. THIS RECENT GERMAN BREAKTHROUGH IN THE ARDENNES HAS SOBERED US ALL.

WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMASS, 1944: CHRISTMAS MORNING. ALL SYNTHETIC TRAINERS ARE CANCELED, BUT NOT SO THE MISSION. THE 418TH HAD A NICE PRESENT TODAY.







## SQUADRON DIARY 418TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)

DECEMBER 1944

UNDER A NEW SYSTEM, ONE SQUADRON STANDS DOWN FOR TRAINING AT EACH MISSION, THE OTHER THREE SQUADRONS PUTTING UP ALL THE CREWS. WE BEGAN TODAY. THE 418TH STOOD DOWN. THE OTHERS ATTACKED THE KAISERLAUTEN M/Y WITH NO LOSSES OR CASUALTIES.

THE E.M. CONSOLIDATED MESSHALL WAS DECORATED WITH HEMLOCK, WITH LONG LINES OF HEAVY TWINE ABOUT WHICH CHAFF HAD BEEN TWISTED. THE NOON TIME MEAL WAS EXTRA SPECIAL. THE COOKS WERE UP TILL THE WEE HOURS OF THIS MORNING PREPARING IT.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26: NOTHING DOING TODAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27: BRIEFING AT 0420 HOURS THIS MORNING FOR A RAID ON THE FULDA M/Y. 12 OF OUR CREWS MADE UP THE "B" SQDN LED BY A 351ST PFF. THE OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE SAYS

"THE M/Y AT FULDA WAS BOMBED VISUALLY WITH PFF ASSISTS. CREW MEMBERS ESTIMATE RESULTS AS GOOD-EXCELLENT."

BUT THERE WAS QUITE A BIT OF FLAK DAMAGE. 636, LT J. FABIAN P; 808 LT G.H. HARRIS, P; 945, LT G/P/KANE P, 525, LT F.C. LILJENQUIST P; 459 LT A.A. PRESTHOLDT, P. ALL RECEIVED SLIGHT DAMAGE. 071, LT W. MAYO; AND 673, LT F.H. MIKESH BOHE RECEIVED SERIOUS DAMAGE. THE M/Y WERE REPORTED TO BE VERY CRAMMED WITH RAILWAY TRAFFIC. A RICH HAUL.

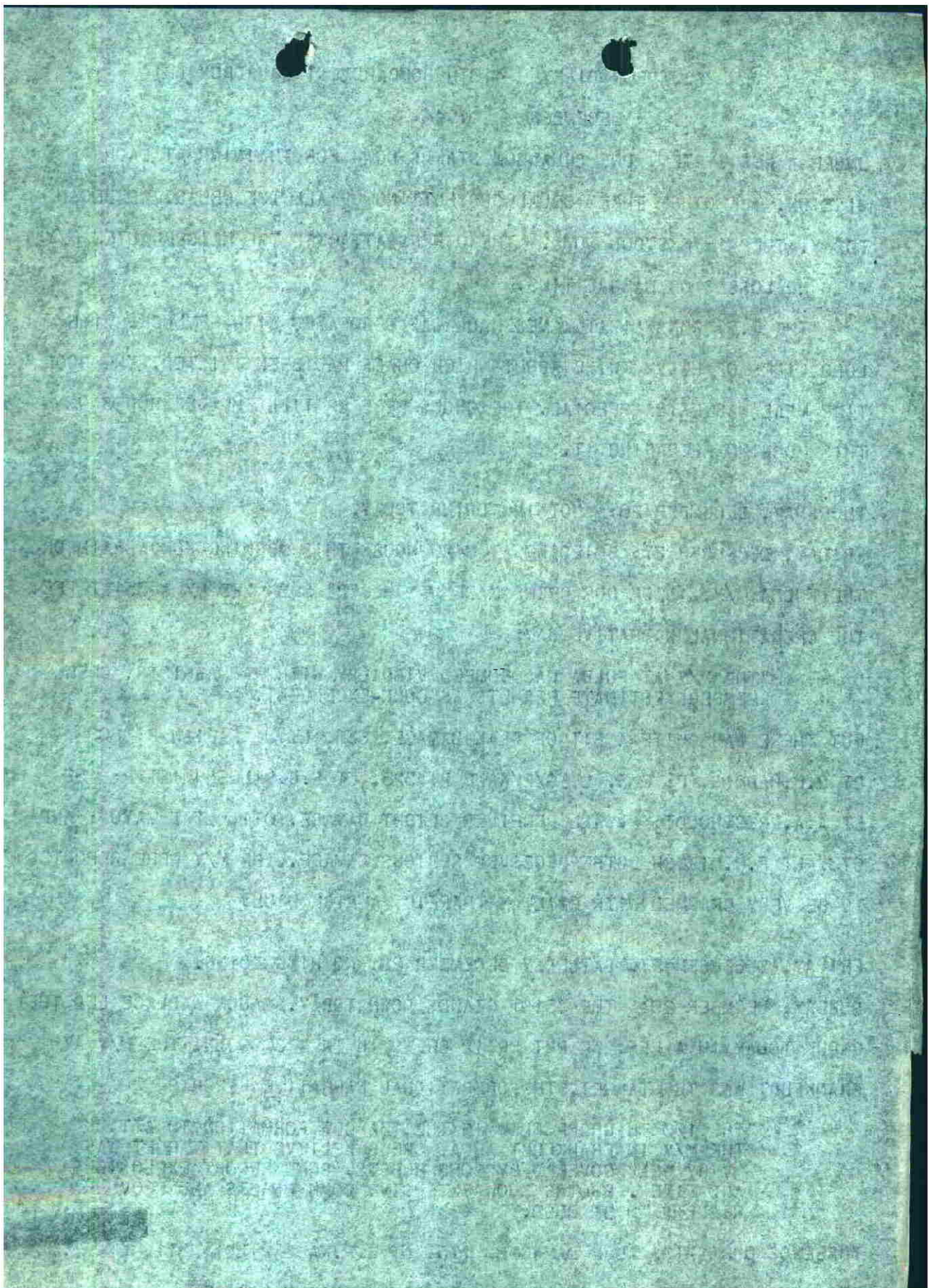
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, SATURDAY DECEMBER 28, NOTHING DOING.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29: THE 351ST STANDS DOWN TODAY. MAJOR WALLACE LED THE GROUP TODAY IN A PFF. WE PUT UP 12 CREWS IN THE "B" SQDN. THE M/Y AT FRANKFURT WAS THE TARGET. THE OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE REPORTS

"THE 100 TH GROUP FLEW IN THE 13A CBW FORMATION TO ATTACK THE M/Y IN FRANKFURT AREA. CREWS BELIEVE THAT TARGET WAS VERY WELL COVERED BY BOMB BURSTS. SOME REPORT EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES. PHOTOS SHOW EXTENSIVE BOMB BURSTS AND PROVE RESULTS TO BE GOOD."

THREE OF OUR SHIPS WERE DAMAGED. 175, LT J.P. KANE PILOT; 311, LT W. MAYO; 636, LT A.A. PRESTHOLDT PILOT, ALL RECEIVED SLIGHT DAMAGE.







SQUADRON DIARY      418TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H)  
 DECEMBER 1944

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30: THE 418TH STOOD DOWN TODAY WHILE THE OTHER THREE SQUADRONS PUT UP 38 A/C PLUS THREE EXTRA TO FLY IN A COMPOSITE GROUP WITH THE 95TH. CLOUD OBSCURED THE OBSERVATION OF THE BOMBING.

IT SEEMS THAT THIS NEW YEAR WILL BE A QUIET ONE.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31: TODAY'S MISSION WAS TO HAMBURG. THE 418TH PUT UP FIFTEEN CREWS, 1 PFF LEADING THE GROUP, 13 IN THE "B" SQDN, 1 TO FLY WITH THE 95TH. THEY WERE HIT HARD BY FIGHTERS.

"E/A ATTACKED NEAR THE R.P. AS THE GROUP WAS FORMING AND MADE ATTACKS FROM 1155 HOURS TO 1210 HOURS ..... CREWS BELIEVED THEIR ESCORT WAS ENGAGED IN DOG FIGHTS SEVERAL MILES DISTANT WHILE THESE E/A PRESSED THEIR ATTACKS"

FOUR OF OUR PLANES WENT DOWN, SIX DAMAGED. HERE ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE MISSING A/C REPORTS.

251. LT B.B. BLACKMAN PILOT, MISSING. THE CREW HAD 13 MISSIONS. "A/C #251 SUSTAINED A DIRECT FLAK HIT ON THE #2 ENGINE WHICH BEGAN TO SMOKE AND FINALLY STOPPED. E/A ATTACKED A/C AS IT BEGAN TO LOSE ONE ENGINE BURST INTO FLAME AND A MOMENT LATER THE A/C EXPLODED. ONE CHUTE WAS SEEN."

LT J.F. MORIN'S CREW, ALSO ON THEIR 13TH MISSION.

"A/C #459 DROPPED BACK AND LOST ALTITUDE AFTER FIRST FIGHTER ATTACK. PILOT WAS HEARD ON VHF AT 1250 HOURS SAYING HE HAD TWO WOUNDED MEN ABOARD BUT MIGHT BE FORCED TO DITCH. SAID HE WOULD TRY TO REACH HOLLAND, AND THAT HE HAD GASOLINE FOR ONE HOUR FLYING."

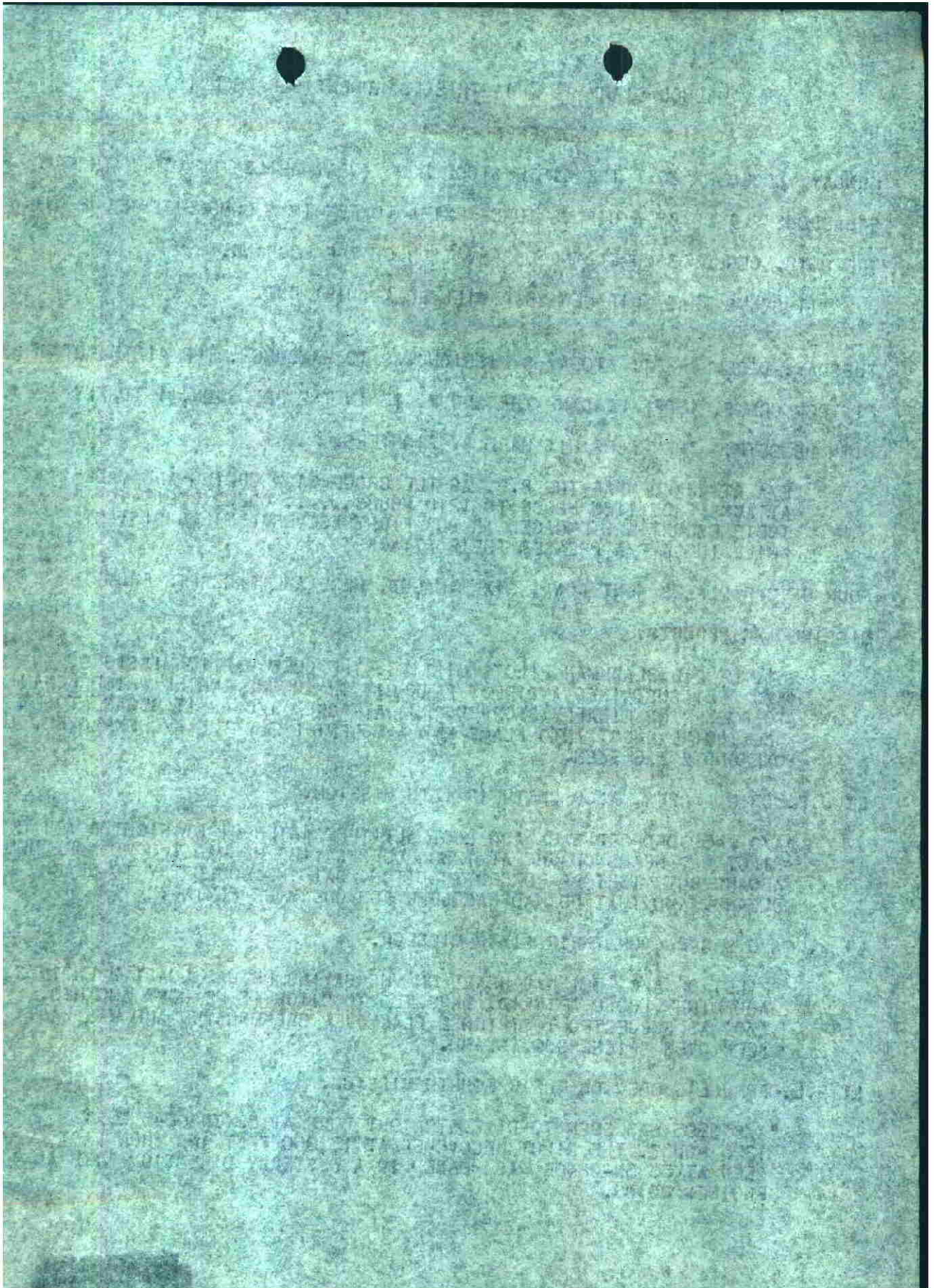
LT W. MAYO'S CREW, ON THEIR SIXTH MISSION.

"PILOT OF A/C #381 WAS HEARD ON VHF SAYING HE HAD LOST 2 ENGINES AND MIGHT LOOSE A THIRD. EXPECTED TO DITCH IF HE LOST ANOTHER. A/C WAS SUBJECTED TO INTENSE FLAK OVER BREMERHAVEN AND WAS LAST SEEN OVER SPIEKERBOOG ISLAND."

LT P.L. CARROLL'S CREW ON THEIR FOURTH MISSION.

"A/C #895 WAS SEEN TO DIVE STRAIGHT DOWN AT 5343N 0845 E AT 1225 HOURS. THE PILOT RECOVERED AT 13,000 FEET AND WHEN LAST SEEN AT 5345N-0840E WAS HEADED IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION WITH ALL ENGINES GOING."







SQUADRON STAFF

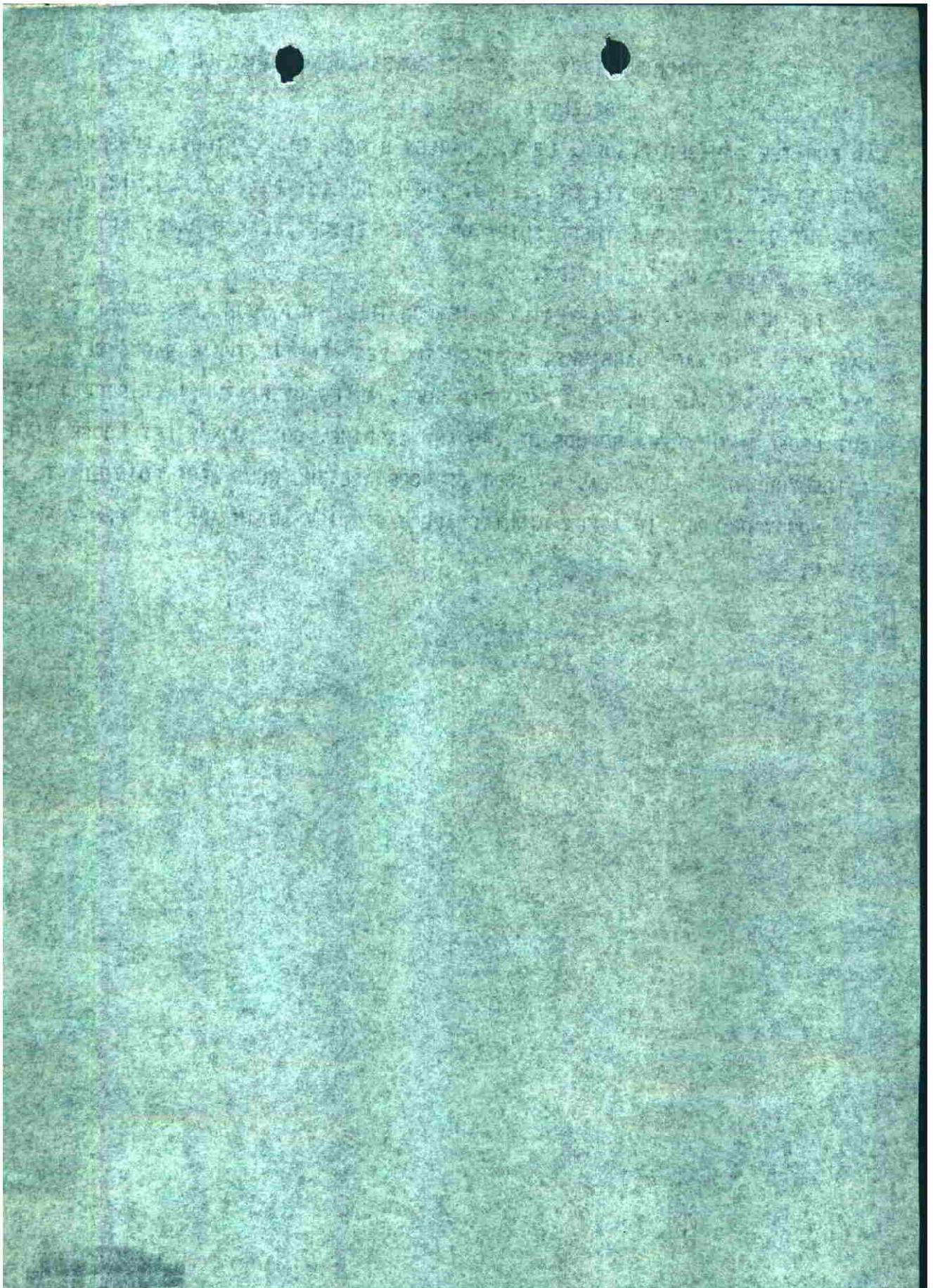
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AS FOR THE DAMAGED PLANES, LT T.J. DARLEY'S 945; 811 - LT W.S. IVOSEVIC; 681, LT D.C. LILGENDQUIST; 071, LT J.H. MC LAUGHLIN; 397, LT F.H. MIKESH AND 175, LT G.P. KANE, ALL THESE SHIPS RECEIVED SLIGHT FLAK DAMAGE, BUT THEIR CREWS SUFFERED NO CASUALTIES.

THE NEW YEARS EVE WAS FAIRLY QUIET ON THE BASE, MUCH LESS NOISY THAN LAST YEAR. IN MANY BARRACKS, MOST OF THE MEN WERE IN THEIR SACKS BEFORE THE NEW YEAR CAME IN. WHEN 2400 DID COME, A FEW OVERENTHUSIASTIC CELEBRANTS GOT LOOSE WITH A FEW ROUNDS OF .45 AND CARBINE. SOME JOKER LET LOOSE WITH A TOMMYGUN NEAR THE AREA. WE SORT OF HOPE ALL THE GUNS WERE POINTED AT THE SOGGY GROUND. IN A FEW MINUTES ALL WAS QUIET AGAIN AND THE NEW YEAR BEGUN.





H I S T O R Y  
456TH SUB-DEPOT  
D E C E M B E R  
1944

I N D E X

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- II. History of Technical Supply for December 1944
- III. History of Engineering Section for December 1944.



HEADQUARTERS  
456TH SUB-DEPOT  
APO 636

6 February 1945

HISTORY - DECEMBER 1944  
ADMINISTRATION

The month of December was looked forward to with the coming of Christmas. As the men looked to the future they had happier prospects of a victory in the coming months of the New Year.

M/Sgt. Donald T. Melander, 15081968, M/Sgt. Frank J. Sims, 6257734, T/Sgt. John F. Brown, 18111017, T/Sgt. Wayne A. Nance, 17057187 and S/Sgt. Clyde (NMI) Wright were awarded the certificate of Merit for outstanding ability and determination shown in the performance of their duties.

This organization had approximately ten percent (10%) of its strength on furlough this month which completed the furlough roster.

There were several men placed on Detached Service and Temporary Duty to other stations to get urgently needed parts and materials to maintain the high efficiency record that this organization has been known to possess.

History of the 456th Sub-Depot  
(Tech Supply)  
December 1944

During December this Department was able to spot fill approximately ninety-seven percent (97%) of all priority requisitions presented to it, continuing an average of well over ninety percent (90%) for the tenth consecutive month.

Two members of this organization who have contributed greatly to the successful operation of Tech Supply were honored by being presented with Certificates of Merit in recognition of their services. Those men honored were S/Sgt. CLYDE WRIGHT who is in charge of the Petrol Installations and T/Sgt. WAYNE A. NANCE who runs the department consisting of Class OLF Aircraft Supplies.

During December this Sub-Depot added to its facilities for the storage of Tokyo Tanks. Extensive exterior work was carried out in landscaping and policing work.



CONTINUATION OF THE HISTORY  
of the  
456TH. SUB-DEPOT ENGINEERING SECTION  
December, 1 1945 to January 1, 1945

## HISTORY OF THE 456TH. SUB-DEPOT ENGINEERING

## I. PERSONNEL &amp; TRAINING

1. The personnel status of this section has not changed.

## II. GENERAL

1. This section has repaired fourteen battle damaged aircrafts.
2. This section has completed approximately five hundred and ninety-nine work orders during this month.

## III. EQUIPMENT

1. The equipment authorized for this section and its men has been increased approximately two (2) per cent.

## IV. DEPARTMENTS

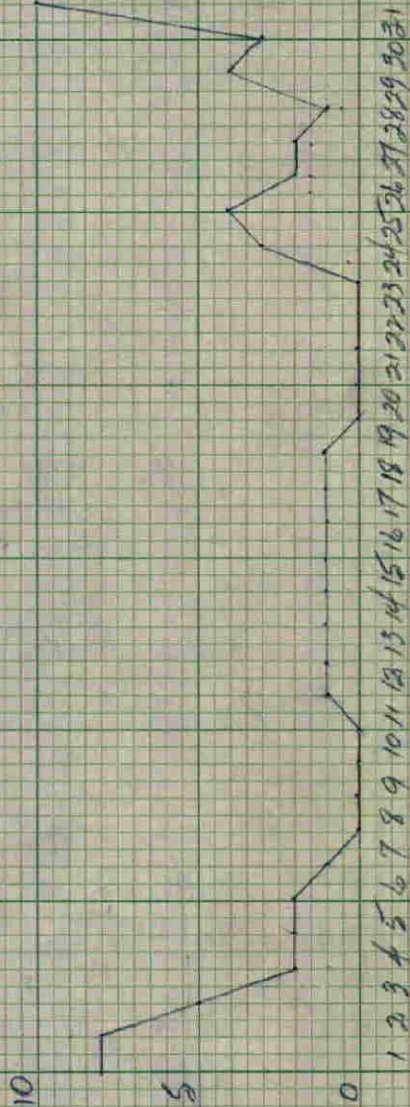
1. Electrical Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed seventy-six (76) Work Orders.
2. Welding Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed seventy-two (72) Work Orders.
3. Machine Shop
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed sixty-two (62) Work Orders.
4. Wood Mill
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed forty-nine (49) Work Orders.
5. Propeller Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed forty (40) Work Orders.
6. Paint & Dope Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed thirty-two (32) Work Orders.
7. Instrument Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed sixty-nine (69) Work Orders.
8. Parachute Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed seventy-one (71) Work Orders.



9. Aero Repair and Engine Build-Up Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed fifty-eight (58) Work Orders.
10. Sheet Metal Department
  - a. Personnel status for this department has not changed.
  - b. This department has completed seventy (70) Work Orders.

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Engineering Officer

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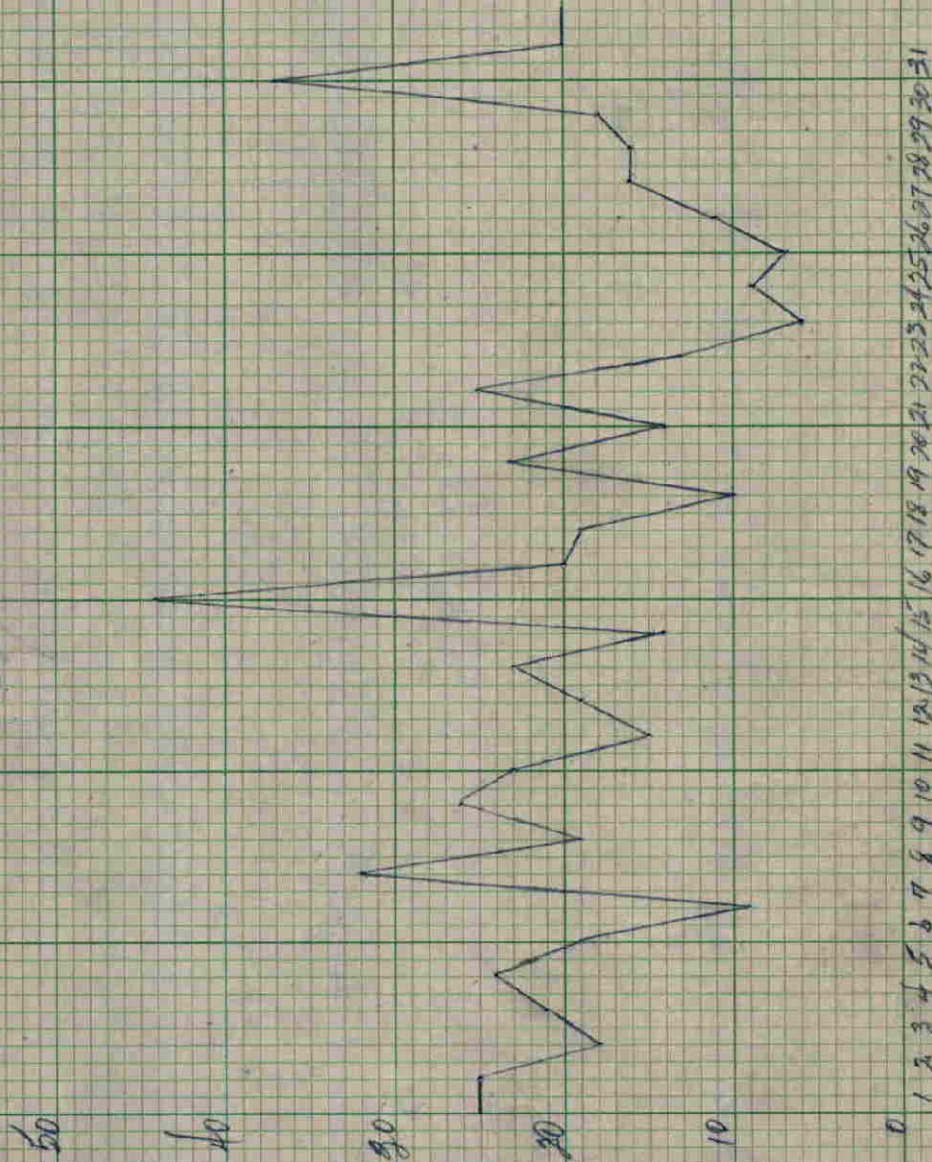




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DAILY - WORK ORDERS - ENTERING SUB -DEPOT





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RESTRICTEDHEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139  
APO 559Special Orders )  
Number 1 )

1 January 1945

1. The foll named O's & EM, orgns indicated, WPR and/or GMV fr AAF Sta 139, o/a 1 Jan 45, to AAF Sta 590, on TD for app two (2) days, for purpose of COCO: CTRS.

1ST LT SIDNEY C JOHNSON, AC	0771435	351st Bomb Sq
2D LT WILLIAM J DUGGAN, AC	0777626	" " "
1ST LT WILLIS L MILLER, AC	0764740	349th Bomb Sq
2D LT ROBERT G MELLEM, AC	0713852	" " "
2D LT LLOYD J HATHAWAY, AC	0723077	" " "
S Sgt Gordon R Sinclair	13106640	351st Bomb Sq
S Sgt Harry E Menter	32472928	" " "
T Sgt Peter J Buck	13125267	" " "
T Sgt Paul J Bowman	35217110	349th Bomb Sq
T Sgt David E Colby	32833197	" " "

FD will pay O's & EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy only in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

2. Par 5, SO 351, this Hq, 1944, is hereby rescinded.

3. VOCO, this Hq, 31 Dec 44, as follows: "Sgt William A Graham, 14134773, 418th Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (Temp), eff this date", is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of written orders in advance. (Auth: Cl, AR 615-5 & AR 35-4890.)

4. VOCO, this Hq, 31 Dec 44, as follows: "Pvt Herman F Eckmeyer, 1300510, 351st Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Sergeant (Temp), eff this date", is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of written orders in advance. (Auth: Cl, AR 615-5 & AR 35-4890.)

5. S Sgt Earl E Williams, 16053840, 418th Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

6. The foll named EM, 418th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

Sgt Patrick B Whelenhan, 32584426	Sgt Edward W Ryan, 13156169
Sgt Robert J Hayes, 35061540	Sgt Robert E Corum, 38440054
Sgt Clayton M Seaman, 32853187	Sgt Thomas F Winkle, 35139845
Sgt Shelton N Clary, 33634458	

7. Pfc Joseph P McCracken, 33286175, 418th Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Corporal (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

8. A sk lv of abs for a period of seven (7) days, is granted 1ST LT ELMER B GOODWIN, 0705379, AC, 350th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 2 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

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OFFICIAL:

DATE 2. HORBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

11. CAPT JAMES E BOWERS, 0564864, AC, 350th Bomb Sq, WFR Tr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, on TD for app two (2) days, RVAT Major Bishop, A-2, on 4 Jan 45, for purpose of GOCO. CTRB. TONT. TON. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)
10. Par 3, SO 351, this Hq, 1944, is amended to include: "TD will pay for subs & grs while travelling on dy & while at TD sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TON. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)
- 1ST LT HERMAN F STREICH, 0813600  
2D LT LEON SCHWARTZ, 0723444
9. A sk 1v of abs for a period of seven (7) days, is granted the foll named O's, 351st Bomb Sq, eff o/a 3 Jan 45; (Auth: See III, AR 605-115.)

SO 1, Hq AAF Sta 139, APO 559, US Army, 1 Jan 45, cont'd

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2. The foll named O & EM, 350th Bomb Sq, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta indicated RUAT prior to 12.00 hrs 3 Jan 45, on TD for seven (7) days for purpose of rest and recuperation. CTRS.

<u>TO: AAF Sta 567</u>	2ND LT
1ST LT ALVIN J. MEIKLEJOHN, 0807488 AC	MLADDEN D. ZECK, 02060869
2ND LT WALTER H. HAMILTON, 0770530 AC	2ND LT
	ROBERT K. WALSH, 0926604

TO: AAF Sta 511

T/Sgt Jorge Cabrera, 19129533	T/Sgt Mervin E. Long, 38465995
S/Sgt Floyd E. Kells, 15097970	S/Sgt George H. Bowles, 39924464
Pvt Randolph T. Arnold, 31262684	

FD will pay O and EM for subs and qrs while travelling on dy & for subs while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63, European T of Opns, US Army, 44, as amended. TONT. TDM. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, file 245.8, Subj: Auth for Mon Alws at AAF Rest Homes, dd 21 Nov 44, and Ltr Hq European T of Opns, US Army, dd 24 May 44)

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

O F F I C I A L:

*DALE Z. HOBBS*  
DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION 139  
APO 559Special Orders )  
Number.....2 )

2 January 1945

1. 1ST LT PHILLIP W LANEX, 0913208, Hq 100th Bomb Gp, WP fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 2 Jan 45 to London, on TD for a period not to exceed three (3) days, to carry out the instructions of the CO. CTRS.

While in the London Area O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley St. who will provide govt billets. Govt messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House and at 44 Grosvenor Sq. TONT. TDM. FD 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Rail or GMV. (PAC Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44).

2. Extracted. (Crew 350th Sq DS Rest Homes).

3. CAPT HENRY L HOLLINGSWORTH, JR., O-1035822, 28th Sta Compl Sq, WP fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 3 Jan 45 to London, on TD for a period not to exceed two (2) days, to carry out the instructions of the CO. CTRS.

While in the London Area O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley St. who will provide govt billets. Messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House and at 44 Grosvenor Sq. TONT. TDM. FD 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Rail. (PAC Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44).

4. VOCO, this Hq, 19 Dec 44, as follows: 1ST LT JOHN C VAN AMAN, O-1036775, 869th Cml Co, is aptd Station Defense Officer, in addition to his other duties", is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of written orders in advance. (Auth: AR 35-4890).

5. Par 5, SO 350, this Hq'44, as pertains to: "2D LT (1091) ANTHONY B DeSILVIO, 02059003, AC", is deleted.

6. The foll named EM, having been asgd this Sta, are further asgd to 350th Bomb Sq. (Auth: Par 6, SO 364, Hq 3rd BD 29 Dec 44).

S Sgt (748) Salvatore N Copponilo, 32797833 S Sgt(612)Lloyd C Bahten, 39414936  
S Sgt (748) Carl R Slaton, 35729738 Sgt(612) Thomas E Halley Jr, 3752100X  
Pvt (748) Clifford G McCombs, 39297595

7. In accordance with Par 1, Part 6, AAF Regulation No. 62-14A, as modified by Section 3, 8th AF Memo 60-2 and USSTAF Reg No. 62-1, 4 Nov 44, the following named officers are appointed a permanent Aircraft Accident Committee for this station. The first-named officer is designated as Aircraft Accident Officer:

MAJ JOHN B WALLACE, 0388897, AC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
MAJ MARVIN S BOWMAN, 0474852, AC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
MAJ DAVID K. LYSER, JR., O-393149, AC	350th Bomb Sq
MAJ GEORGE O EMERSON, 0382947, MC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
CAPT EDWARD D WOOTEN, O-792087, AC	418th Bomb Sq
CAPT JOHN S ROBINSON, 0426428	Hq 100th Bomb Gp

8. Par 5, SO 325, this Hq '44, is revoked.

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DATE 2. HOBBY  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Station Adjutant.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

Pvt Russell W Brown, 36700009  
Pvt Samuel Tobin, 15374679

11. The following named EM, 869th Cml Co, are promoted to the grade of Private-First-Class (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AF 615-5.)  
60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44).  
FD will pay O & EM for subs & grs while traveling on dy & while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN.

1ST LT JOHN K FURBER, O-821253, AC S/Sgt Joseph R Feagans, 16153619

10. The following named O & EM, 349th Bomb Sq, WP Rail o/a 3 Jan 45 tr  
AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, on TD for an indefinite period, RNAT President,  
Central Medical Board, for purpose of undergoing observation and treatment.  
Gas mask and steel helmet (with liner) will be taken. Upon discharge from  
and at the discretion of the President thereof, O & EM WP on TD for a period  
not to exceed thirty (30) days to Sta 511, in accordance with provisions of  
Ltr Hq AAF, USSTAF, File 245.8 x 346.7, dd 20 Mar 44, Subj: "Authorization  
for Monetary Allowances at Air Force Rest Homes". CTRS.

9. PAC Par 2, sub-par 13, AR 35-1480, 10 Oct 42, 1ST LT JOHN K  
FURBER, O-821253, AC, 349th Bomb Sq, having been found physically  
disqualified for all flying duty, is suspended fr dy involving flying.  
eff this date.  
SO#2, Hq AAF Station No. 139, APO 559, U.S. Army, 2 January 1945, cont'd.



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Number.....3 )

3 January 1945

1. Pvt Edward P Butler, 34331208, 349th Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Private-First-Class (Temp), eff this date. (AR 615-5).
2. Sgt Harvey J Lehman, 35550406, 351st Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)
3. Par 7, SO#2, this Hq os, is revoked.
4. In accordance with Par 1, Part 6, AAF Regulation No. 62-14A, as modified by Section 3, 8th AF Memo 60-2 and USSTAF Reg No. 62-1, 4 Nov 44, the following named Officers are appointed a permanent Aircraft Accident Committee for this station. The first-named officer is designated as Aircraft Accident Officer:

MAJ JOHN B WALLACE, 0388897, AC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
MAJ MARVIN S BOWMAN, 0474852, AC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
MAJ DAVID K Lyster, JR., 0393149, AC	350th Bomb Sq
MAJ GEORGE O EMERSON, 0382947, MC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
CAPT EDWARD D WOOTEN, 0792087, AC	418th Bomb Sq
CAPT JOHN S ROBINSON, 0426428, AC	Hq 100th Bomb Gp
1ST LT ELLIS D PIKE, 0873991, AC	18th Wea Det 139

5. VOCO, this Hq, 30 Dec '44, as follows: "PAC Par 2, sub-par 13, AR 35-1480, 10 Oct 42, the foll-named Officers, organs indicated, having been found physically disqualified for all flying duty, are suspended fr dy involving flying, eff this date:

F/O SALVATORE ANZALDI, T-124485, AC	351st Bomb Sq
2D LT ANTHONY B DeSILVIO, 02059003, AC	418th Bomb Sq"

is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of written orders in advance. (AR 35-4890).

6. The foll named EM, 350th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Private-First-Class (Temp), eff this date: (AR 615-5).

Pvt Richard C Bissell, 38484713	Pvt Angelo G Frudakis, 39111794
Pvt Robert L McRae, 39027718	

7. A sk lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted F/O MARVIN BERG, T-4569, 350th Bomb Sq, effc/a 4 Jan '45. (AR 605-115).

8. 1ST LT WILLIAM H TITLEY, 0555630, AC, 351st Bomb Sq, WF fr AAF Sta 139 to London, RUAT Lt Col Ben Lyons 28 Grosvenor Sq, on TD for a period not to exceed two (2) days, for purpose of carrying out the instructions of the CO. CTRS. While in the London Area O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 North Audley St., who will provide govt billets. Govt messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House and at 44 Grosvenor Sq. TONT. TDN. FD 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. Rail or GMV. (PAC Ltr Hq ETUSA 24 May 44). O will report to Lt Col Lyons prior to 1100 hrs 5 Jan 45.

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OFFICIAL:

DATE 2. HOBBS.  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARNER, Jr.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Station Adjutant.

By order of Colonel JERRY:

FD will pay for subs & grs while travelling on dy & while at  
TD Sta in accordance with CTR 63 EROUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-  
136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq EROUSA 24 May 44).

Sgt Raymond H Wilson, 17089096  
Sgt James L Bolen, 32455620

10. The toll named Hq, 466th Sub-Depot, WP GNV Tr AAF Sta 139  
o/a 4 Jan 45 to Blythe Bridge, on ID for a period not to exceed three  
(3) days, for purpose of CTR. CTRs.

1ST LT RAYMOND L HEINONINUS, JR., 0817437, AC 2D IM GEORGE H GERIS, 073064, AC  
1ST LT GLEN H PELVY, 0822791, AC  
F/O RAYMOND A DECKER, T-126711, AC

9. A sk IV of absence for a period of five (5) days is granted the  
toll-named officers, 349th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 4 Jan 45; (AR 605-116).

SO#3, Hq AAF Sta 139, APO 559, U.S. Army, 3 January 45, Cont'd.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION 139  
APO 559

Special Orders )  
Number.....4 )

4 January 1945

1. Par 3, SO 328, this Hq '44, is revoked.

2. A Board of Officers is appointed to meet at the call of the President thereof for the purpose of advising the Commanding Officer, this Hq, relative to recommendations for awards and decorations to personnel of this command. This Board will function until properly relieved.

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

MAJ JOHN B WALLACE, 0388897, AC, Hq Det 100th Bomb Gp (President)  
MAJ HARRY F CRUVER, 0362721, AC, 351st Bomb Sq  
MAJ DAVID K LYSTER, JR., 0393149, AC, 350th Bomb Sq  
MAJ CHARLES A MARTIN, 0393153, AC, 349th Bomb Sq  
MAJ ROBERT ROSENTHAL, 0792349, AC, 418th Bomb Sq  
CAPT THOMAS H WEDIN, 0560457, Hq 100th Bomb Gp (Recorder)

3. Pfc Eugene J Zimmer, 32413705, 351st Bomb Sq, WF fr AAF Sta 139 to Addenbrooke Hospital, Cambridge, RUAT 1100 hrs 6 Jan 45, on TD for one (1) day, for purpose of undergoing observation and treatment. CTRS.

FD will pay EM for subs and qrs while traveling on dy & while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA '44, as amended. TONT. TDN. Rail and/or GMV. FD 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44).

4. Par 1, SO 1, this Hq cs, is amended to delete: "2D LT WILLIAM J. DUGGAN, AC, 0777626, 351st Bomb Sq", and to substitute: "F/O RAYMOND STILLER, T-125007, AC, 351st Bomb Sq".

5. Pvt (590) Gorman L Snider, 18075628, having been asgd this Sta, is further asgd to 351st Bomb Sq. (Auth: Par 2, SO 2, Hq 3rd Bomb Div 2 Jan '45).

6. The foll named Officers, having been asgd this Sta, are further asgd to orgns indicated: (Auth: Par 1, SO 1, Hq AAF Sta 102, 1 Jan '45).

ASGD TO:

2D LT (1038) DONALD A CORDIER, 0769100 350th Bomb Sq  
2D LT (1038) JOHN R JENISTA, 0772185 349th Bomb Sq

7. S Sgt Charles J Herlihy, 32208784, 349th Bomb Sq, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 524, RUAT prior to 1200 hrs 6 Jan 45, on TD for seven (7) days for purpose of rest and recuperation. CTRS.

FD will pay O & Em for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & for subs while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63, ETOUSA, 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq USSTAF, file 245.8, subj: Auth for Mon Alws at AAF Rest Homes, dd 21 Nov 44, and Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44)

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL:

*Eale 3711*  
DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.



HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139

AFC 559

5 January 1945

Special Orders  
(Number 5)

1. CAPT (1034) JOHN D GARRETT, 0708614, AC, 349th Bomb Sq, is reld  
tr dy in & asgmt therat & reasgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp.

2. The foll named O's, having been asgd this sta, are further asgd to  
orgns indicated: (Auth: Par 1, SO 1, Hq AAF Sta 102, 1 Jan 45.)

ASGD TO: 349TH BOMB SQUADRON  
ASGD TO: 350TH BOMB SQUADRON

2D LT (1038) JOHN R JEMISTY, 0772185, AC 2D LT (1038) DONALD A CORDIER, 0769100

3. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, are promoted to Grades indicated  
(Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AF 615-5.)

Name	A.S.N.	Organization	Rank	Aptd to:
Kemi G Roberenz	37623587	350th Bomb Sq	S Sgt	
Robert J Levin	16079902	" "	Sgt	
Calvin G Campbell	38440870	349th Bomb Sq	Sgt	
Leroy C Valenza	32927489	" "	Sgt	
Gilbert W Klein	36864698	" "	Sgt	
James M Ryken	19137515	" "	Sgt	
Clifford G McCombs	39297595	350th Bomb Sq	Pvt	
Walter T Bartl	12063935	418th Bomb Sq	Pvt	

4. A sk lv of abs for a period of seven (7) days, is granted 1ST LT  
SEYMOUR G FASSEN, 0719999, AC, 351st Bomb Sq, eff o/a 7 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec  
III, AF 605-115.)

5. So much of par 5, SO 3, this Hq, as, as pertains to 2D LT ANTHONY  
B DESILVIO, 02089003, AC, 418th Bomb Sq, is hereby deleted.

6. CAPT ELMER E FERRINACHIE, (1091), 0742074, AC, 418th Bomb Sq, is reld  
tr dy in & asgmt therat & reasgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp.

7. S Sgt (748) Donald D McMillan, 350th Bomb Sq, is reld tr dy in &  
asgmt therat & reasgd to 349th Bomb Sq.

8. Par 2, SO 236, this Hq, 31 Aug 44, as amended by Par 2, SO 277,  
this Hq, 14 Oct 44, pertaining to appointment of Special Court is hereby  
terminated eff this date.

9. Par 6, SO 306, this Hq, 13 Nov 44, pertaining to appointment of  
Special Court is hereby terminated eff this date.

10. Par 17, SO 106, this Hq, 20 Apr 44, pertaining to appointment of  
Summary Court Officer, is hereby terminated eff this date.

11. Par 1, SO 234, this Hq, 29 Aug 44, pertaining to appointment of  
Summary Court Officer, is hereby terminated eff this date.

12. UP AW 10, CAPT FRANK E CATTINIAN, 0564973, AC, 351st Bomb Sq, is aptd  
Sta Summary Court Officer, in addn to his other duties.

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SO 5, Hq AAF Sta 139, APO 559, -US Army, 5 Jan 45, Cont'd:

13. UP AW 10, MAJOR HORACE L. VARIAN, JR., 0562248, AC, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, is aptd Sta Summary Court Officer, in addn to his other duties.

14. A Special Court-Martial is appointed to meet at AAF Sta No. 139, APO 559, US Army, 5 January 1945, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it:

DETAIL FOR THE COURT

MAJOR ROBERT D McLAIN	0441199	AC	
CAPT EMMET G SCHLIDING	0299027	QMC	
CAPT ROBERT H TIENKEN	0562206	AC	
CAPT EMORY C KINDER	0475474	MC	
1ST LT HANSELL W RAMSEY	0566479	AC	
CAPT PHILIP H LIPSTE	0855009	AC	
2D LT ALBERT H ANDERSON	02000152	AGD	
CAPT PAUL F MACKESSEY	0566118	AC	Trial Judge Advocate
1ST LT LEONARD J ROSENFELD	01550256	ORD	Ass't Trial Judge Advocate
CAPT JAMES B GALLAGHER	0568239	AC	Defense Counsel
1ST LT ROBERT N SANGRO	01031020	CE	Ass't Defense Counsel

This court takes priority over all other official business.

15. A Special Court-Martial is appointed to meet at AAF Sta No. 139, APO 559, US Army, 5 January 1945, or as soon thereafter as practicable for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it:

DETAIL FOR THE COURT

MAJOR RAYMOND J MEAD	0909366	AC	
MAJOR GEORGE F ERB	0570050	AC	
CAPT ROBERT H WILLIAMS	0567101	AC	
CAPT THADDEUS A. PORENSKI	0494041	MC	
CAPT CHARLES W TERRY	0566890	AC	
CAPT ROBERT J MAJOR	0290693	ORD	
1ST LT ROY W MARSH	01592410	AC	
CAPT PAUL F MACKESSEY	0566118	AC	Trial Judge Advocate
1ST LT LEONARD J ROSENFELD	01550256	ORD	Ass't Trial Judge Advocate
CAPT JAMES B GALLAGHER	0568239	AC	Defense Counsel
1ST LT ROBERT N SANGRO	01031020	CE	Ass't Defense Counsel

This court takes priority over all other official business.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL:

*DALE Z. Hobbs*  
DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139  
APO 559

Special Orders )  
Number 6 )

6 January 1945

1. The foll named O & EM, orgns indicated, WFR and/or GMV, o/a 8 Jan 45, fr AAF Sta 139 to London, England, on TD for three (3) days, for purpose of COCO: CTRS.

CAPT JOHN C WILLIAMS, 0567099, AC, 349th Bomb Sq  
T Sgt Augustus J Marshall, 32203106, 1141st QM Co  
Cpl Mahlon R Gustin, 35091159, 1776th Ord S & M Co

O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 N Audley St., who will provide Govt billets. Govt messing facilities for O are available at Grosvenor House and 44 Grosvenor Sq. EM will report to Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where Govt qrs and rats will be furn. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

2. Cpl James S Baggett, 34302660, 349th Bomb Sq, WFR WD fr AAF Sta 139 to #21 Sch of Tech Tng, Great Sankey, Warrington, Lancs., RUAT to AAF Orderly Room prior to 1600 hrs 7 Jan 45, on TD for app two (2) weeks, for purpose of attending course in Cyclone R-1820 Engines. CTRS.

FD will pay EM for subs and qrs while traveling on dy only in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq 3d ED, 29 Dec 44, subj: "Assignment of AC Personnel to Tech Tng Sch.")

3. 2D LT (1091) IVAN W ROSENBAUM, 0558724, AC, 351st Bomb Sq, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to 418th Bomb Sq.

4. So much of par 15, SO 5, this Hq, cs, as reads, "MAJOR GEORGE F ERB, 0570050, AC" is amended to read, "MAJOR GEORGE F ERB, 0568050, AC".

5. 1ST LT ELIUD J KNAPP, 0814495, AC, 418th Bomb Sq, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, on TD for app two (2) days, RUAT Major Bishoff, A-2, on 8 Jan 45, for purpose of COCO. CTRS. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

6. So much of par 3, SO 5, this Hq, cs; as pertains to, "Pvt Clifford G McCombs, 39297595, 350th Bomb Sq" is hereby rescinded.

7. Par 2, SO 5, this Hq, cs, is hereby rescinded.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL:

*Dale Z. Hobbs*  
DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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RESTRICTEDHEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139  
APO 559Special Orders )  
Number 7 )

7 January 1945

1. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, WP GMV fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 8 Jan 45 to 13leworth, on TD for app one (1) day, for purpose of COCO: CTRS.

Sgt William R Hones	32203516	1141st QM Co
T 5 James W Weiford	35443049	1141st QM Co
Cpl Robert T Thorne	32431684	28th Sta Comp Sq

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

2. The foll named EM, 351st Bomb Sq, WP GMV o/a 11 Jan 45 fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 373, on TD for an indefinite period, for purpose of COCO: CTRS. TONT. TDN. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

Sgt Ralph L Swinemart, 13068695	Pfc Louis G Lasker, 32889455
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3. The foll named EM, 350th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Private First Class (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

Pvt John E Moseley, 34249384	Pvt Sebastian J Vivo, 32323861
Pvt Gerald C Young, 15065980	

4. The foll named EM, 349th Bomb Sq, WP GMV fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 8 Jan 45 to Birmingham, on TD for app two (2) days, for purpose of COCO: CTRS.

Cpl Daniel V Cordelli, 33347958	Pfc Alberto M Macierez, 38166097
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FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL:

*DALE Z. HOBBS*  
DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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E X T R A C T

1. The foll named O's & EM, having been asgd this Sta per par 24, SO 5, Hq 70th Repl Depot (AAF) dd 5 Jan 45, are further asgd to orgns indicated. The EM are required to participate in regular and frequent aerial flights until reld by competent authority. (Auth AR 35-1480 & AAF Reg 35-29.)

ASGD TO: 350TH BOMB SQUADRON

Cr 33 (APO 16859 BJ 33) FB 555 BJ	Cr 62 (APO 16859 BJ 62) FB 555 BJ
2D LT (1091) JAMES H MISCH, 0831974	1ST LT (1091) TOM T FELLOWS, 0813356
2D LT (1091) JAMES T BREWER, 0779770	2D LT (1091) HAROLD C GREEN, 0777652
F/O (1034) MEYER ROTHFARB, T133003	F/O (1034) ALBERT N USOFF, T133893
Sgt (611) Louis E Molback, 16069528	1ST LT (1035) PAUL R RUTH JR, 0679659
Cpl (611) Willis E Bell, 37726822	T Sgt (748) Robert E Walty, 6976635
Cpl (748) Robert W Blikeng, 19141494	Sgt (612) Wesley C Rymer, 37497767
Cpl (757) Saul Brown, 35768977	Cpl (611) James W Church, 15372929
Cpl (611) John F Ingenthron, 37708360	Cpl (757) Richard H Liebman, 42033579
Cpl (612) Henry E Nangle, 35710052	Cpl (611) Vern L Miles, 37721171

Cr 6 (APO 16753 BA 6) FQ 555 BA  
 2D LT (1091) WALDO J OLDHAM, 0776511  
 2D LT (1091) CARL D DUNN, 0779119  
 2D LT (1034) ROSS F PURDY, 02068465  
 F/O (1035) HOWARD R LEACH, T5764  
 Cpl (611) Richard G Chapple, 36876297  
 Cpl (757) William E Charlton, 33686403  
 Cpl (611) Ralph J Kalberloh, 37722249  
 Cpl (612) Tom E Ramsey, 15328980  
 Cpl (748) Patrick J Tooley, 18138297

Cr 47 (APO 16753 BA 47) FQ 555 BA  
 2D LT (1091) ORVILLE H COTNER, 0777602  
 2D LT (1091) ROBERT A COOVER, 0928810  
 2D LT (1034) ELMER H RUNDY, 02070138  
 2D LT (1034) STEPHEN G MONICK, 0783450  
 Cpl (611) Donald R Andres, 39921896  
 Cpl (748) Hugh P Boyd, 12099503  
 Cpl (757) Reinhardt J Komloski, 37705530  
 Cpl (611) John C Moss, 39922645  
 Cpl (612) Harold W Snyder, 19193410

Cr 48 (APO 16753 BA 48) FQ 555 BA

2D LT (1091) DONALD L DEWEY, 0777142	F/O JOHN W BOCKHORST, T4869 (1091)
2D LT (1034) HUBERT C SCHLEMMER, 02070146	F/O (1035) LEO G RIDDIOUGH, T6866
Cpl (748) Martin P Bogard, 36182917	Cpl (611) Edison A Farquhar, 33747158
Cpl (757) Herschel R Glenn, 35236352	Cpl (612) Harvey K Wingard, 37524192
Cpl (611) Russell K Clingan, 37680591	

ASGD TO: 351ST BOMB SQUADRONCr 34 (APO 16859 BJ 34) FB 555 BJ

2D LT (1091) DONALD J WALLISH, 0928681	2D LT (1091) CARL J WEBER, 0928682
2D LT (1034) ORLIN D LEWIS, 02072359	Cpl (757) Stanley J Avery, 35592434
Cpl (612) John D Krebs, 13208841	Cpl (611) Felix J Kuczynsky, 11138672
Cpl (748) Kenneth W LaBelle, 20115337	Cpl (611) Thomas W Ritter, 38588626
Cpl (611) Calvin A Wood, 39719009	

ASGD TO: 418TH BOMB SQUADRON

2D LT (1091) LONNIE A DOYLE JR, 0777623	2D LT (1091) ROBERT Y BOLTON, 02062748
2D LT (1034) WILLIAM L STOELZEL, 02070172	2D LT (1035) THOMAS J WILLIAMS, 0783470
Cpl (748) Birton N Bossemeger, 19141690	Cpl (757) Arthur C Champion, 32243129
Cpl (612) Donald L Jacobson, 17131557	Cpl (611) Harold H Lewis, 39213339
Cpl (611) John P Podany, Jr, 17144293	

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By order of Colonel JERRY:

611	757	237	650	Sgt Martin Streetman, 14067542, 350th Bomb Sq
239	754	237	650	Sgt Ralph A. Fatts, 19162950, 351st Bomb Sq
667	754	237	650	Sgt Anthony J. Robee, 32585879, 351st Bomb Sq
754	754	237	650	Cpl William N. Davenport, 32075255, 351st Bomb Sq
756	756	405	756	Cpl Alphonsus C. Apuzzo, 32410917, 351st Bomb Sq
756	756	405	756	Sgt Louis G. Lasker, 32889455, 351st Bomb Sq
756	754	754	756	Sgt Doyle A. Cameron, 34179220, 351st Bomb Sq
756	754	754	756	Sgt Arthur E. Cordell, 35346397, 351st Bomb Sq
852	860	860	852	Sgt Malcolm E. McKenzie, 11040019, 351st Bomb Sq
650	239	239	650	Cpl James J. Dineen, 16170691, 351st Bomb Sq
				Pfc William E. Gibbs, 14161157, 351st Bomb Sq

OLD NOS NEW NOS

2. PAC AAF Manual 35-1, 3 Apr 44, the following named EAF, organs indicated, are  
rec'd as listed below:

2D LT (1091) ROY N. KALLSTADT, 0278438  
2D LT (1034) WALTER T. FERRY, 02069997  
Cpl (611) Frank W. Dicker, 36520787  
Cpl (611) Jessie D. Maggard, 15364436  
Cpl (612) John W. Buckett Jr., 14200252  
Cpl (748) James G. Kedes, 19201011

CR 54 (APO 16753 BA 54) FQ 555 BA  
2D LT (1091) ROBERT E. EVANS, 0779829  
2D LT (1091) ROBERT J. SMITH, 02064814  
2D LT (1034) BILLIE MCNITTIN, 02068919  
2D LT (1035) STEPHEN T. KAMINSKI, 0783473  
Cpl (611) Robert A. Smith, 20601137  
Cpl (611) Martin R. Galt, 37636645  
Cpl (748) Paul R. Chandler, 38553907  
Cpl (757) Charles W. Johnson, 17143910  
Cpl (612) Andrew A. Pearce Jr., 33563475  
Cpl (611) Duell E. Rude, 37581354

CR 52 (APO 16753 BA 52) FQ 555 BA  
2D LT (1091) LEON S. JACOBS, 0778824  
2D LT (1091) DONALD D. DANIELS, 02064870  
2D LT (1034) HARRY JOLIFFE, 1132845  
Cpl (611) Martin R. Galt, 37636645  
Cpl (748) Paul R. Chandler, 38553907  
Cpl (757) Charles W. Johnson, 17143910  
Cpl (612) Andrew A. Pearce Jr., 33563475  
Cpl (611) Duell E. Rude, 37581354

ASST TO: ALTHOR SQUADRON

Part 1, SO 8, Hq AAF Sta 179, APO 509, US Army, 8 Jan 45, Command:

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1. Extracted. (Assignment of Combat Crews)
2. Extracted. (Reclassification of Enlisted Men.)

3. M Sgt William M Jackson, 14026533, 350th Bomb Sq, WP Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to No. 1 RAF Rad Sch, Cranwell, on TD for app fifteen (15) days, RUAT prior to 1600 hrs 10 Jan 45, for purpose of attending course of instruction in VHF Maint. CTRS. Gas mask, mess kit and personal equip will be carried.

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy only in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: TWX Hq 3d AD, J-243-C, 7 Jan 45.)

4. The foll named EM, 350th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Corporal (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

Pvt Randolph T Arnold, 31262684

Pvt Ernest R Spencer, 39146473

5. VOCO, this Hq, 8 July 44, ordering, "1ST LT ROBERT A WEGRZYNEK, 0748294, AC, having been found physically disqualified for all flying dy, is indefinitely suspended fr dy involving flying, eff this date, PAC Par 2, sub-par 13, AR 35-1480, 10 Oct 42." is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of written orders in advance. (Auth: AR 35-4890.)

6. The foll named EM are reld fr dy in & asgnt with orgns indicated & reasgd as indicated:

	FIELD FR:	REASGD TO:
T 4 George L Harding, 39839151	270th Med Disp Avn	Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp
T 4 John J Hessian, 16131207	270th Med Disp Avn	350th Bomb Sq
T 5 Randolph S Valenza, 13128593	350th Bomb Sq	270th Med Disp Avn
T 5 Thairon B Sleeper, 36166393	Hq Det, 100th B Gp	270th Med Disp Avn

7. The foll named O & EM, 351st Bomb Sq, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta indicated, RUAT prior to 1200 hrs 10 Jan 45, on TD for seven (7) days, for purpose of rest and recuperation. CTRS.

TO: AAF Sta 567.

1ST LT THOMAS C HUGHES, 0802858  
2D LT JOSEPH R CALISTRO, 02060240

2D LT ROBERT W CRITTENDEN, 02058726  
2D LT JOSEPH J DYE, 0752285

TO: AAF Sta 558

T Sgt Wilbur R Gockman, 16139074  
S Sgt Glenn R Davis, 33632543

T Sgt John A Wolos, 32888586  
S Sgt Rudolph H Dunker, 36449523

S Sgt William R Luby, 36475228

FD will pay O & EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & for subs while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq USSAP, file 245.8, Subj: Auth for Men Alws at AAF Rest Homes, dd 21 Nov 44; and Ltr Hq ETOUSA, dd 24 May 44.)

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

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1. The foll named O, 349th Bomb Sq, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 501 RUAT prior to 1200 hrs 11 Jan 45 on TD for seven (7) days, for purpose of rest and recuperation. CTRS.

1ST LT JAMES C ADAIR, 0765896 AC 2D LT BENJAMIN J GODDARD, 02060501 AC  
2D LT ELMER G WESALA, 0771179 AC 2D LT MILTON J BRUCKER, 0777429 AC

FD will pay O for subs and qrs while traveling on dy and for subs while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, file 245.8, subj: Auth for Mon Alws at AAF Rest Homes, dd 21 Nov 44, and Ltr Hq ETOUSA, dd 24 May 44.)

2. A sk lv of abs, for a period of seven (7) days, is granted the foll named O, 350th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 10 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

1ST LT ALBERT M WILLOUGHBY, 0821131 AC 2D LT JAMES R WOOTEN, 0717937 AC  
2D LT RALPH A NITE, 02057989 AC 2D LT JACK L MCKINNEY, 0827709 AC

3. CAPT (1091) ROBERT J ALBRECHT, 0440105, AC, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Sq, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to 351st Bomb Sq.

4. The foll named EM, having been asgd this sta, are further asgd to 351st Bomb Sq. (Auth: Par 9, SO 6, Hq 3d AD, 6 Jan 45.)

Sgt (611) Kenneth Brown, 37585767 Cpl (611) William A Ferguson, 10601122

5. A sk<sup>lv</sup> of abs, for a period of seven (7) days, is granted the foll named O, 351st Bomb Sq, eff o/a 11 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

CAPT GERALD BROWN 0763931 AC 1ST LT WILLIAM H TITLEY 0555630 AC  
1ST LT ERWIN A LENTZ 0756999 AC 2D LT ARTHUR L JACOBSON 0768562 AC

6. A sk lv of abs, for a period of seven (7) days, is granted 1ST LT JULIUS H KREPISMAN, 0723228, AC, 349th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 11 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

7. CAPT CHARLES W TERRY, 0566890, AC, 349th Bomb Sq, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, on TD for app two (2) days, RUAT Major Bishoff, A-2, on 12 Jan 45, for purpose of COCO. CTRS. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

8. CAPT JOHN W HARDY, 0461552, MC, 350th Bomb Sq, is aptd Ass't Air Inspector, Sanitary, vice CAPT THADDEUS A POREMSKI, 0494041, MC, 270th Med Disp Avn, reld.

9. ~~By~~ Extracted. (Assignment of Combat Crews.)

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

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9. The foll named O's & EM, having been asgd this Sta per par 1, SO 7, Hq 70th Repl Depot AAF, dd 7 Jan 45, are further asgd to orgns indicated. The EM are required to participate in regular and frequent aerial flights until reld by competent authority. (Auth: AR 35-1480 & AAF Reg 35-29.) FQ 555 BA

ASGD TO: 349TH BOMB SQUADRONCr 74 (APO 16753 BA 74)

2D LT (1091) ROBERT T AKERS, 0777551 F/O (1091) EARL G KLUENDER, T3821  
1ST LT (1034) DANIEL F McGRATH, 0738863 Cpl (611) Ralph C Anderson, 19122574  
Cpl (757) Robert C Anderson, 16137572 Cpl (748) Thomas H Baker, 12074806  
Cpl (611) Charles L Elliott, 37671333 Cpl (611) Charles L Penn, 38437043  
Cpl (612) Frank Rouch Jr, 31380743

ASGD TO: 350TH BOMB SQUADRONCr 23 (APO 16753 BA 23)

2D LT (1091) ROBERT K GILBERT, 0775322 2D LT (1091) RAYMOND T ALBRIGHT, 0206241  
F/O (1034) JACK CLOPECK, T132242 Cpl (611) Lester L Alexander, 39719507  
Cpl (757) Richard G Crane, 37662202 Cpl (611) Mearl W Johnson, 37576840  
Cpl (612) William G Leonard, 38133367 Cpl (748) Russell A Madsen, 19171296  
Cpl (611) Curtis H Satzinger, 37572660

ASGD TO: 351ST BOMB SQUADRONCr 21 (APO 16753 BA 21)

2D LT (1091) ALFONSO C GUARDINO, 0739943 2D LT (1091) WILLIAM E DAVIS, 02066921  
2D LT (1034) LEO TOMASO, 02060189 Sgt (611) Alois Chudy, 32380098  
Sgt (611) Obie Smithart, 19122308 Cpl (611) Hugh H Pennock, 37576680  
Cpl (757) Edward W Keefrey Jr, 16107012 Cpl (748) Howard R Tudor, 13035397  
Cpl (612) Leon R Williams, 13084928

ASGD TO: 418TH BOMB SQUADRONCr 17 (APO 16753 BA 17)

2D LT (1091) GEORGE MORASCO, 0829739 2D LT (1091) RICHARD M PREWITT, 0779996  
2D LT (1034) NORBERT R SHERMAN, 02069225 2D LT (1035) EDWARD W CUDDY, 0785256  
Cpl (612) Hollis P Bailey, 38516037 Cpl (611) Thomas W Booze, 33920886  
Cpl (611) John H Day, 31351776 Cpl (757) Earl B French, 33793798  
Cpl (748) Gordon J Klehamer, 32834911

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

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1. A sk lv of abs for a period of seven (7) days, is granted 1ST LT LEO R KIMBALL, 0718337, AC, 351st Bomb Sq, eff o/a 11 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

2. Par 1, SO 9, this Hq, cs, is hereby rescinded.

3. A sk lv of abs for a period of seven (7) days, is granted the foll named O's, 349th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 11 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

1ST LT JAMES C ADAIR, 0765896, AC  
2D LT ELMER G WESALA, 0771179, AC

2D LT BENJAMIN J GODDARD, 02060501, AC  
2D LT MILTON J BRUCKER, 0777429, AC

4. Sgt (805) Thomas B Morford, 18168852, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to 351st Bomb Sq.

5. 1ST LT ALBERT PAUL, 0561819, WPR o/a 11 Jan 45, fr AAF Sta 139 to London, England, on TD for two (2) days, for purpose of COCO. CTRS.

O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 N Audley St., who will provide Govt billets. Govt messing facilities for O are available at Grosvenor House and 44 Grosvenor Sq. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

6. The foll named O & EM, orgns indicated, WPR and/or GMV, o/a 11 Jan 45, fr AAF Sta 139 to London England, on TD for two (2) days, for purpose of COCO: CTRS.

CAPT JOHN C WILLIAMS, 0567099, AC, 349th Bomb Sq  
Cpl Mahlon R Gustin, 35091159, 1776th Ord S & M Co

O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 N Audley St., who will provide Govt billets. Govt messing facilities for O are available at Grosvenor House and 44 Grosvenor Sq. EM will report to Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where Govt qrs & rats will be furn. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

7. Sgt Edmond S Mokarry, 32495634, 350th Bomb Sq, WPR and/or GMV fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 102, on TD for app nine (9) days, RUAT Sta Adj prior to 1600 hrs 13 Jan 45, for purpose of attending course of instruction in Loran Equip. CTRS. Blankets, mess kits & personalequip will be carried. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: TWX Hq 3d AD, J 320-C, 9 Jan 45.)

8. Sgt (611) Kenneth Brown, 37585767, 351st Bomb Sq, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to 349th Bomb Sq.

9. Sgt Burt B Skiff, 37334108, 351st Bomb Sq, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 582, RUAT to Sta Adj prior to 1600 hrs 14 Jan 45, on TL for app two (2) weeks for purpose of attending course on EC Supercharger. CTRS. 166

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy only in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq 3d AD, 5 Jan 45, subj: "Asgmt of AC Pers to Tech Ing Sch".)

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OFFICIAL  
DATE 21 NOV 65  
Captain, Air Corps  
Asst Adjutant  
Major, Air Corps  
Honorable L. AMMUN, JR.

By order of Colonel JENNIFER

Cpl Joe R. Wicks, 35353535  
Cpl Norman F. Bowman, 37567624  
Cpl Rueben Laskow, 32981862  
Cpl Edwin Villa, 39280350  
Cpl Perry C. Beckman, 19162535  
Cpl Douglas N. Wright, 39711322  
Cpl George G. Elliott, 32619657  
Cpl Donald A. Glaze, 1214502  
Cpl Kenneth L. Hoffman, 12145748  
Cpl William G. Tunnessen, 33035141  
Cpl Bernard W. Guza, 13144030  
Cpl Mills A. Talonde, 37580766  
Cpl John F. Curran, 13144030  
Cpl Raymond R. Uhler, 35877780  
Cpl Carl N. Hildebrand, 39139777

Sgt Edwin R. Hodgson, 11059185  
Sgt William G. Wicks, 37677148  
TO BE STAFF SERGEANT  
Pvt Luther A. Wase, 14138990  
Pvt Santiago Garcia, 38364501  
TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Cpl George F. Hildebrand, 11059185  
Cpl Pedro A. Martinez, 32983417  
Cpl Herald R. Roy, 38061382  
Cpl John G. Hildebrand, 35707530  
Cpl Robert A. Kennedy, 14107830  
Cpl Robert A. Hildebrand, 39633314  
Cpl David J. Montali, 35332981  
Cpl James M. Hildebrand, 35332981  
Cpl Loretta E. Garcia, 37482527  
Cpl Dudley S. Hildebrand, 37379828  
Cpl Daniel F. Hildebrand, 37486248  
Sgt Alexander Hildebrand, 35332981  
Sgt Morris F. Hildebrand, 35332981  
Sgt Samuel W. Allen Jr., 11059185  
TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt William H. Wright, 11059185  
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10. Pfc Russell Frezquez, 38349445, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, is red to the  
Gr of Private, for cause, etc this date. (Auth: AF 615-5.)  
11. Sgt Clyde R. Taylor, 32283780, 100th Bomb Gp, is red to the Gr of  
Private, for cause, etc this date. (Auth: AF 615-5.)  
12. The Staff named EIC 350th Bomb Gp, are promoted to Grades indicated  
(Temp): etc this date. (Auth: AF 615-5.)



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1. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, WP GMV fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 15 Jan 45 to Isleworth, on TD for app one (1) day, for purpose of COCO: CTRS.

Sgt William R Henes, 32203516, 1141st QM Co  
Cpl James E Kriete, 35699707, 28th Sta Comp Sq  
T 5 James W Weiford, 35443049, 1141st QM Co

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

2. Par 4, SO 4, this Hq, cs, is hereby deleted.

3. VOCO, this Hq, 1 Jan 45, ordering, "Par 1, SO 1, this Hq, cs, is amended to delete, '2D LT WILLIAM J DUGGAN, AC, 0777626, 351st Bomb Sq', and to substitute, 'F/O RAYMOND STILLER, T125007, AC, 351st Bomb Sq'", is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of written orders in advance. (Auth: AR 35-4890.)

4. Sgt (911) Robert W Baker, 39302196, 350th Bomb Sq, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp.

5. S Sgt Frank M Opala, 32382445, 349th Bomb Sq, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 to No 2 RAF Rad Sch, Yatesbury, RUAT prior to 1600 hrs 17 Jan 45, on TD for fifteen (15) days, for purpose of attending course of instruction in Maintenance of Airborne Radio Equipment. CTRS.

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy only in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: TWX Hq 3d AD, J-431-C, 11 Jan 45.)

6. PAC AAF Manual 35-1, 3 Apr 44, the foll O's, 418th Bomb Sq are recl as listed below:

	OLD MOS.	NEW MOS
CAPT MARK COPE, 0678176, AC	2161	1091
CAPT EDWARD D WOOTEN, 0792087, AC	1091	2161
1ST LT JAMES D SHIRLEY, 0875025, AC (2554)	9300	9301

7. 1ST LT/RICHARD T BERRY, 0886929, AC, AUS, MCO 03.03, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to 418th Bomb Sq.

8. 1ST LT (1035) ROBERT W McATEE, 0682491, AC, AUS, MCO, 02.631, 418th Bomb Sq, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp & aptd Prim dy Aerial Gunnery Instructor (2554).

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL:

DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139  
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Special Orders )  
Number 13 )

14 January 1945

1. Pfc John C Davis, 14165639, 28th Sta Comp Sq, WFR and/or GMV fr AAF Sta 139 to American Red Cross Club, Bury St. Edmunds, on TDY for three (3) days, RUAT prior to 1700 hrs, 17 Jan 45 to Capt Butler, to assist in preparation for 3d AD Boxing Show. CTRS. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: TWX Hq 3d AD, J-483-C, 12 Jan 45.)

2. The foll named EM, 2110th Eng Avn FF Platoon, are promoted to the gr of Private First Class (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

Pvt Homer L Fulk, 35610908

Pvt James R McCann, 13129327

3. 2D LT (1038) JOHN R JENISTA, 0772185, AC, Comp AUS, MCO 00.999, 349th Bomb Sq, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to 418th Bomb Sq. EDCMR 14 Jan 45.

4. The foll named EM, 349th Bomb Sq, WP fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 15 Jan 45 to Birmingham on TIM for app two (2) days, for purpose of COCO: CIPAP. CTRS.

Cpl Daniel V Cordelli, 33347958

Cpl Albert J Nadalsky, 15067597

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while tyl on dy & while at TDY Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TDN. TBGAA. FSA. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

5. The foll named EM, having been asgd this sta fr 549th Bomb Sq, 385th Bomb Gp, are further asgd to 361st Bomb Sq: (Auth: Par 4, SO 11, Hq 3d AD, 11 Jan 45.)

S Sgt (748) George Markel Jr, 13106776, MCO 114

S Sgt (612) Charles L Miller Jr, 39460855, MCO 316

6. The foll named EM having been asgd this Sta fr 561st Bomb Sq, 385th Bomb Gp, are further asgd to 350th Bomb Sq. (Auth: Par 4, SO 11, Hq 3d AD, 11 Jan 45.)

S Sgt (612) Clement J Wolever, 36822267, MCO 590

Sgt (Leonard M Holcomb, (611), 39616064, MCO 480

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL:

*DALE Z. HOBBS*  
DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139  
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Special Orders )  
Number 14 )

15 January 1946

1. The foll named O & EM, orgns indicated, WFR and/or GMV, o/a 16 Jan 45, fr AAF Sta 139 to London, England, on TDY for two (2) days, for purpose of CQCC; CTRS.

CAPT JOHN C WILLIAMS, 0567099, AC, 349th Bomb Sq  
Cpl Leroy O Wabaunsee, 37496372, 351st Bomb Sq

O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 N Audley St., who will provide Govt billets. Govt messing facilities for O are available at Grosvenor House and 44 Grosvenor Sq. EM will report to Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where Govt qrs & rats will be furn. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

2. The foll named O & EM, 349th Bomb Sq, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta indicated, RUAT prior to 1200 hrs 17 Jan 45, on TD for seven (7) days, for purpose of rest and recuperation. CTRS.

TO: AAF Sta 567

1ST LT EUGENE T JENSEN, 0823870, AC 2D LT JAMES J MILLETT JR, 0771097, AC  
2D LT JOHN C GONDA JR, 02000402, AC 2D LT RICHARD R AYESH, 0777417, AC

TO: AAF Sta 558

S Sgt Robert L Bird, 18163594 S Sgt Joseph W Latiolait, 39704603  
S Sgt Henry R Sublett, 38347198 T Sgt Linden S Brant, 35722144  
S Sgt Walter A Stone, 31265642

FD will pay O & EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & for subs while at TDY Sta in accordancy with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq USSTAF, file 245.8 Subj: Auth for Mon Alws at AAF Rest Homes, dd 21 Nov 44, and Ltr Hq ETOUSA, dd 24 May 44.)

3. A sk lv of abs for a period of seven (7) days, is granted CAPT NEAL P SCOTT, 0813959, AC, 351st Bomb Sq, eff o/a 16 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

4. Pfc Eugene V Stoll, 32826341, 2110th Eng Avn FF Platoon, is promoted to the gr of Corporal (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

5. The foll named EM, 418th Bomb Sq, are promoted to grades indicated (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt Jack W Marsh, 39298282 Sgt Orval M Siefers, 37723604  
Sgt James H Radeline, 33832423 Sgt Stephen J Koszednar, 36544458

TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl Vincent B Pitarra, 38420766 Cpl Carl J Donnell, 38516351  
Cpl James J Whipple, 31136399 Cpl Leon E Briggs, 38588185  
Cpl Robert A Hausan, 17169091 Cpl Norbert J Dougherty, 39620590  
Cpl Howard R Whitaker, 35912670 Cpl Pete J Fischer, 37479800

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OFFICIAL:

DATE 2. HORNS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Adjutant.

HORACE L. VALLIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

Sgt Robert H Cherry, 36582239, 350th Bomb Sq	612	612
S Sgt Victor J Valleria, 39040228, 350th Bomb Sq	748	521
Pvt Gorman L Snider, 18075628, 351st Bomb Sq	590	511
Pvt Gail H Daugherty, 39040366, 349th Bomb Sq	612	747
Pvt Robert G Truex, 15324256, 350th Bomb Sq	605	590
Sgt Robert W Baker, 39302196, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp	911	405

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rec'd as listed below:

8. Pac AAF Manual 35-1, 3 Apr 44, the foll named EM organs indicated are

7. Sgt (667) Adam J Gebelstein, 32462760, MCO 321, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp is  
re'd in dy in & asgmt therent & reas'd to 349th Bomb Sq.

Sgt John L. Stachowiak, 32610080  
Sgt James L. Hostetter, 38563497  
Sgt Paul A. Klok, 35912925  
Sgt Harold B. Marck, 42004569

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT  
S Sgt Angelo J. Giffitt, 32512469

6. The foll named EM, 350th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the grades indicated  
(Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

80 14, Hq AAF Sta 139, APO 559, US Army, 15 Jan 45, Cont'd.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139  
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Special Orders )  
Number 15 )

16 January 1945

1. A sk lv of abs for a pd of seven (7) days is hereby granted to the foll named O, 418th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 17 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

1ST LT JAMES M HENRY, 0688701, AC      2D LT WILLIAM V McGUIRE, 01997912, AC  
2D LT JOHN A CLARK, 0774946, AC

2. CAPT (2110) GEORGE D ALLEN, 0394310, AC, Comp ORC, MCO 99.943, 349th Bomb Sq, is rel'd fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to 28th Sta Comp Sq.

3. Pvt Gorman L Snider, 18075628, 351st Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

4. The foll named EM, having been asgd this sta fr 550th Bomb Sq, 385th Bomb Gp, are further asgd to 351st Bomb Sq: (Auth: Par 4, SO 12, Hq 3d AD, 12 Jan 45.)

Sgt (612) David N Ackerman, 39340239, MCO 343  
Sgt (611) Charles Levine, 39718814, MCO 252

5. So much of par 8, SO 14, this Hq, cs, as pertains to, Pvt Gail H Daugherty, 39040366, 349th Bomb Sq, is hereby deleted.

6. Par 8, SO 288, This Hq, 1944, is hereby rescinded.

7. Par 2, SO 14, this Hq, cs, is amended to delete, "S Sgt Walter A Stone, 31265642", and to substitute, "S\_Sgt Albert H Beauchene, 11035837".

8. A sk lv of abs for a pd of seven (7) days is hereby granted to the foll named O, 351st Bomb Sq, eff o/a 17 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

1ST LT JACK L GAY, 0553483, AC      2D LT BERNARD LABRIE, 0886758, AC  
2D LT MILTON H LaFRANCHI, 0711707, AC

9. The foll named EM, 418th Bomb Sq, are red to the gr of Private, for cause, eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

S Sgt Charles F Lang, 37611218      S Sgt William L McGee, 31339177

10. The foll named EM, 1776th Ord S & M Co, are promoted to grades indicated (Temp) eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

TO BE TECHNICIAN THIRD GRADE  
Sgt Edward F Heffernan, 32500421      T 4 Robert H Witman, 33241336

TO BE TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE  
Pfc Felton S McCarty, 14138705      Pfc Raymond L Petrash, 38239576  
Pfc Homer T Sparks, 34811506

11. Pvt George H Smith, 13016069, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, is promoted to the gr of Private First Class (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

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OFFICIAL: *[Signature]*  
DATE 22 HOBBIS  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

Cpl Clyde L Keeler, 32942072	Cpl Victor F Schweer, 37678790
Cpl Robert D Howe, 37677762	Cpl Helmer A Sundblad, 39709448
Cpl Russell D Michael Jr, 36874626	Cpl James A Janousek, 36757117
Cpl Charles L Knowlton, 33735990	Cpl William L Donlea, 16037332

TO BE SERGEANT

Sgt Stephen J Kaszadnar, 36544458  
TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

S Sgt Galvin B Korpela, 36832434  
TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT

12. The roll named EM, 418th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the grades indicated (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

SO 15, Hq AAF Sta 139, APO 559, US Army, 16 Jan 45, Cont'd:

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Special Orders )  
Number 16 )

17 January 1945

1. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 to London, England, o/a 17 Jan 45, on TD for app two (2) days, for purpose of COCO: CTRS.

S Sgt Leonard G Wolfkiel, 16036298, 349th Bomb Sq  
S Sgt Jack G Rose, 19091306, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp

EM will report to Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where Govt qrs & rats will be furn. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

2. The foll named EM, having been asgd this Sta fr 838th Bomb Sq, 487th Bomb Gp, are further asgd to 418th Bomb Sq. (Auth: Par 15, SO 14, Hq 3d AD, 14 Jan 45.)

Pvt (757) James P Cawley, 32317214, MCO 480  
Pvt (757) Vincent Ferracano, 32810273, MCO 010

3. The foll named O & EM, 456th Sub Depot, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 19 Jan 45 to Glasgow, Scotland, on TD for app five (5) days, for purpose of COCO: CTRS.

MAJOR RAYMOND J MEAD, 0909366, AC

Sgt William H Dryden Jr, 37254773

FD will pay O & EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

4. VOCC, this Hq, 10 July 1944, as follows: "Sgt Paul J Anin, 13171103, 350th Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff this date" is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of written orders in advance. (Auth: Cl, AR 615-5 & AR 35-4890.)

5. UP AR 615-368, A bd of O's, is aptd to meet at this sta at the call of the senior member thereof, for the purpose of determining whether or not Pvt Donald G Whitbeck, 32490636, 351st Bomb Sq should be discharged prior to the expiration of his term of service. The proceedings of the board, and its report, together with all exhibits, will be in accordance with the provisions of AR 420-5.

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

MAJOR GEORGE F ERB, 0568050, 349th Bomb Sq, AC  
CAPT FRANK E. CALLINAN, 0564973, AC, 351st Bomb Sq  
CAPT JOHN W HARDY, 0461552, MC, 350th Bomb Sq

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL:

*Dale Z. Hobbs*  
DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139  
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Special Orders )  
Number 17 )

18 January 1945

1. The foll named EM, Det "D" 302nd Transport Wing, AAF Sta 525, are reld fr attachment to Det "A" 1285th MP Co, and will return to proper station w/o delay for dy:

Sgt James O Smiley, 35041093  
Cpl Frank C Kuse, 36068852

Cpl Sidney Hurwitz, 39540305

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: TWX Hq 3d BD D-84-C, 2 Dec 44.)

2. Pvt John E Geer, 33302450, Det "D" 302nd Transport Wing, AAF Sta 525 is reld fr atchdment to Det "A" 1285th MP Co, and will return to proper station (Under Guard) w/o delay for dy. (Auth: TWX Hq 3d BD D-84-C, 2 Dec 44.)

3. Sgt Joseph Weitzman, 32086107, Det "A" 1285th MP Co, is placed on TDY for app three (3) days, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 w/o delay to AAF Sta 525, for the purpose of acting as gd & transferring thereto Pvt John E Geer, 33302450, Det "D" 302nd Transport Wing. Upon completion of TDY Sgt Weitzman will ret to proper sta, AAF Sta 139.

IBIGRIK, FD will pay in adv mon alws in lieu thereof as prescribed in Sec I, AR 35-4520, and Cir 63, ETOUSA 44, as amended, a/r \$3.00 per day per man for one (1) man for two (2) days for meals taken enroute and return for the gd; a/r \$3.00 per day per man for one (1) man for one (1) day for meals taken enroute for the prisoner. TONT. TDN. FD 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44 & VOGC 3d AD.)

4. PAC par 2, sub-par 13, AR 35-1480, 10 Oct 42, 2D LT STANLEY A RABINOWITZ, 0776796, AC, 418th Bomb Sq, is indefinitely suspended fr dy involving flying off this date.

5. 2D LT STANLEY A RABINOWITZ, 0776796, AC, 418th Bomb Sq, WFR w/o delay fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, on TDY for an indefinite period, RUAT President Central Medical Board, for purpose of undergoing observation and treatment. Gas mask & steel helmet (with liner) will be taken. Upon discharge from andat the discretion of the President thereof, WP on TDY for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days to Sta 511, in accordance with provisions of ltr Hq ASC, USSTAF, file 245.8 x 345.7, dd 20 Mar 44, subj: "Authorization for Monetary Allowances at Air Force Rest Homes." CTRS.

FD will pay O for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63, ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

6. 2D LT VERNON R HENRIKSEN, 0711398, AC, 350th Bomb Sq, is granted a sk lv of abs for a period of seven (7) days, eff o/a 18 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec III AR 605-115.)

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7. LT COL (1091) SAM L BARR, 0791275, AC, Comp ORC, MCO 40.944, 349th Bomb Sq, is reld fr dy in & asgmt therat & reasgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp.

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Ass't Adjutant.  
Captain, Air Corps,  
DATE 2. 1945.

OFFICIAL:

HORACE L. VARRIN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

By order of Colonel JERRY:

FD will pay EM for subs & gns while traveling on dy only in accordance with Ctr 63 ETOWSA 44, as amended. TDM. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: LTR Hq 3d AD, J-649-C, 17 Jan 45.)

11. Cpl Joseph R Di Bartolomeo, 32402546, 351st Bomb Sq, WFR Tr AAF Sta 139 to No 1 RAF Rd Sch, Granwell, on TD for fifteen (15) days, RVAT prior to 1600 Hrs 24 Jan 45, for purpose of attending course of instruction in VHM Maint. CTRS. Gas mas, mess kit and personal equip will be carried.

Cpl Randolph T Arnold, 51262684  
Cpl Ernest R Spencer, 39146473  
Cpl Francis J Finn, 36754816  
TO BE SERGEANT

Sgt Harland D Hand, 37726549  
Sgt George F Holser, 19100727  
TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

10. The foll named EM, 350th Bomb Sq, are promoted to Grades indicated (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-6.)

24 May 44.) TDM. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOWSA

1ST LT CHARLES C CO LING, 0747120, AC, 350th Bomb Sq  
1ST LT JAMES D SHIPLEY, 0875025, AC, 418th Bomb Sq

9. The foll named O, organs indicated, WFR Tr AAF Sta 139 to WAF Sta 101, on TD for app two (2) days, RVAT Major Bishop, A-2, on 22 Jan 45, for purpose of COCO. CTRS.

FD will pay EM for subs & gns while traveling on dy & while at TDY Sta in accordance with Ctr 63 ETOWSA 44, as amended. TDM. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOWSA 24 May 44.)

Sgt Felix H Maeha, 18110754, 456th Sub Depot  
Pfc William F Pilgrim, 36425686, 351st Bomb Sq

8. The foll named EM, organs indicated, WFR and/or CIV Tr AAF Sta 139 o/a 19 Jan 45 to Barking, on TDY for app two (2) days, for purpose of COCO. CTRS.

SO 17, Hq AAF Sta 139, AFO 559, US Army, 18 Jan 45, cont'd.

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Number 18 )

19 January 1945

1. A sk lv of abs for a period of seven (7) days, is granted the foll named O, 350th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 19 Jan 45. (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

1ST LT ETHAN A PORTER, 0822991, AC 2D LT EMMETT B TURNER JR, 0772237, AC

2. UP Par 18c and d, AR 35-32, and Par 4g, AR 35-1110, the foll named O, orgns indicated, are detailed to verify the funds in the hands of 2D LT ALBERT H ANDERSON, 02000152, AGD, Class B Agent Officer to Major E Otis, Postal Finance Officer, as of 20 January 1945:

1ST LT HAROLD H KRINKE, 01574921, QMC, 1141st QM Co  
1ST LT ROBERT N SANGRO, 01031020, 2110th Eng Avn FF Platoon

3. PAC par 2, sub-par 13, AR 35-1480, 10 Oct 42, 1ST LT GEORGE S FOWLER, 0804641, AC, 350th Bomb Sq, is indefinitely suspended fr dy involving flying eff this date.

4. 1ST LT GEORGE S FOWLER, 0804641, AC, 350th Bomb Sq, WFR w/o delay fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, on TDY for an indefinite period, RUAT President Central Medical Board, for purpose of undergoing observation and treatment. Gas mask & steel helmet (with liner) will be taken. Upon discharge from and at the discretion of the President thereof, WF on TDY for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days to Sta 511, in accordance with provisions of ltr Hq ASC, USSTAF, file 245.8 x 345.7, dd 20 Mar 44, subj: "Authorization for Monetary Allowances at Air Force Rest Homes." CTRS.

FD will pay O for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & while at TDY Sta in accordance with Cir 63, ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

5. Sgt (757) George W Runge, 15097363, MCO 050, having been asgd this sta from CP, 70th Repl Depot(AAF), is further asgd to 351st Bomb Sq. (Auth: Par 10, SO 17, Hq 70th Replacement Depot (AAF), 17 Jan 45.)

6. The foll named EM, 349th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

S Sgt Normand G Nadeau, 31289645  
S Sgt Cecil R Fulta, 36857282

Sgt Donald H Crozier, 16175827  
S Sgt Andrew R Poczos, 35065971

7. A lv of abs for a period of seven (7) days, is granted CAPT WENDELL C STOVER, 0461535, MC, 416th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 23 Jan 45. (Auth: AR 605-115.)

8. F/O RODMAN B PORTER, T129054, AC, (1034), MCO 00.999, Comp AUS, 351st Bomb Sq, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to 349th Bomb Sq.

9. UP AR 600-81, Pfc Robert H Friske, 36231908, 349th Bomb Sq, is awarded the Driver's Badge.

10. Pfc John H Nichols, 33406882, 349th Bomb Sq, is red to the gr of Private, for cause, eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

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SO 18, Hq AAF Sta 139, APO 559, US Army, 19 Jan 45, Cont'd:

11. The foll named Lt, 349th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Sergeant (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

Pvt John E Kaiser Jr, 18243028 Pvt John J Obuchowski, 36666787

12. Par 8, SO 336, this Hq, 1944, is hereby revoked.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL: *[Signature]* DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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20 January 1945

1. PAC AAF Regulation 50-7, the foll Aeronautical Board is aptd for this sta:

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

LT COL FREDERICK E PRICE, 0393197, AC, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, President  
 LT COL SAM L BARR, 0791275, AC, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp  
 MAJOR GEORGE O EMERSON, 0392947, MC, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp  
 MAJOR DAVID K LYSTER JR, 0393149, AC, 350th Bomb Sq  
 CAPT NEAL P SCOTT, 0813959, AC, 351st Bomb Sq  
 MAJOR CLAUDE L HOSFORD JR, 0649654, AC, 418th Bomb Sq, Recorder

2. T/4 John J Hessian, 16131207, 350th Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

3. The foll named EM, 351st Bomb Sq, WP GMV o/a 22 Jan 45 fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 373, on TD for an indefinite period, for purpose of COCO: CTRS. TONT. TDN. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

S Sgt Doyle A Cameron, 34179320

Pfc Arthur E Cordell, 36346997

4. 1ST LT (1038) JAMES H MADDOX, 0700109, AC, Comp AUS, MCO 01.013, 350th Bomb Sq, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to 418th Bomb Sq.

5. Par 6, SO 15, this Hq, cs, is hereby rescinded.

6. VOCO, 26 Oct 44, ordering, "Par 8, SO 288, this Hq, cs, pertaining to Sgt Gail H Daugherty, 39040366, 349th Bomb Sq, is hereby revoked," is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of written orders in advance. (Auth: AR 35-4890.)

7. Sgt (821) Marvin P Kea, 14104572, MCO 316, having been asgd this sta fr Det "A" 1st Combat Crew Gunnery School, is further asgd to 418th Bomb Sq. (Auth: Par 16, SO 16, Hq 3d AD, 16 Jan 45.)

8. PAC AAF Manual 35-1, 3 Apr 44, the foll'o's, orgns indicated, are recl as listed below:

	<u>OLD MOS</u>	<u>NEW MOS</u>
2D LT JOSEPH D BOHRER, 02060229, 349th Bomb Sq	1034	1038
2D LT FARRIS A TURNER, 0926176, 351st Bomb Sq	1035	1038

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL:

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 DALE E. HOBBS,  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
 Major, Air Corps,  
 Adjutant.

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7. SO#18, this Hq, cs, pertaining to Capt WENDELL C. STOVER, 0461536, is hereby revoked.

8. Pvt (605) JAMES A. STODDARD, 31147646, 28th Sta Compl Sq, is rel'd fr asgmt & thereat and reass'd to the Det "A", 1285th MP Co.

9. Pvt (606) JAMES A. STODDARD, 31147646, 1285th MP Co, is trfd fr AC to CMP.

10. The foll named EM, Pfts, 349th Bomb Sq, are hereby aptd PFC, eff this date,

CALVIN R. BLAGBURN,	14107914	CHARLES J. HUENKE,	32753659
WENDELL SOWL,	15086024	ROBERT E. KARISHER,	33242936
ROBERT J. HANSEN,	35725664	ELLESWORTH F. DUSOSKY,	37161551

11. The foll named EM, Cpls, 351st Bomb Sq, are hereby aptd Sgt, eff this date.

EDWARD W. KEETREY, Jr.,	16107012	JOHN D. KREBS,	13208841
HUGH H. PENNOCK,	37576880	FELIX J. KUCANSKY,	11138672
HOWARD R. TUDOR,	13036397	KENNETH W. LABELLE,	20115337
LEON R. WILLIAMS,	13034928	THOMAS W. RITTER,	38588626
AVERY J. STANLEY,	35592434	CALVIN A. WOOD,	39719009

12. The foll named EM, Pfts, 351st Bomb Sq, are hereby aptd PFC, eff this date.

RICHARD M. HALLOCK,	12227172	PASQUAL J. PAPPAGALLO	12137245
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13. S/Sgt ROBERT J. LEVIN, 16079902, 350th Bomb Sq, is hereby aptd T/Sgt, eff this date.

14. Sgt FRANCIS W. MANSER, 32954055, 351st Bomb Sq, is hereby aptd S/Sgt, eff this date.

15. The foll named EM, S/Sgt, 418th Bomb Sq, are hereby aptd T/Sgt, eff this date.

WILLIAM F. BOULTON,	36825707	WILLIAM M. PECHT,	33250240
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16. The foll named EM, Sgt, 418th Bomb Sq, are hereby aptd S/Sgt, eff this date.

HARRY A. SUTHERLAND,	37344781	DONALD J. MELLAND,	37534115.
HARLEY I. GORHAM,	37487995	MICHAEL W. GOFF,	19186976

17. Par 2, SO#203, this Hq, '44, pertaining to aptmt of Sol Voting Officers, is hereby terminated eff this date. (Auth: 2nd Ind to Msg Hq US Strategic AF, in Europe, file 014.35, dated 19 Jan 45).

18. VOCO, 18 Jan 45, ordering, "Par 3, SO#17, this Hq, cs, is amended to include, 'a/r \$2.00 per day per man for one (1) man for two (2) days for qrs enroute and return for the g'd,' is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded issuance of written orders in

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Par 14, SO#20, Hq AAF Sta 139, dated 21 Jan 45, Contd.

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Gr	NAME	ASN	ORGN	Old MOS	New MOS
Cpl	PAUL M. VRANESIC,	33242799	Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp	881	657
Pfc	GEORGE H. SMITH,	13018069	Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp	861	409
Sgt	FRANCIS C. SMITH,	13007667	Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp	673	409
Pfc	HOLLIGE A. YOUNG,	6384069	351st Bomb Sq	911	590
Cpl	ORRELL J. BROOKS, Jr.,	39862321	351st Bomb Sq	835	405

15. Pvt (590) JOSEPH DITTA, 33625168, 349th Bomb Sq, is placed on DS for a pd of app thirty (30) days to Hq & Hq Sq, 3d Air Div, for purpose of COOG. WP GEN fr AAF Sta 139 w/o delay RUM to the CO for dy. CTRS. (TT 3AD J-796-C) TDN.

16. In the case of Private WARREN J. HARRIS, 37456916, 350th Bomb Sq, AAF Sta 139, APO 559, US Army, tried by Special Court Martial, this Hq, Jan 6 Dec 44, (SCMO#23) in violation of the 96th Article of War, so much of the sentence approved and ordered executed by the appointing authority as provides for confinement at H/L is hereby remitted, effective this date.

17. The foll named EM, 1776th Ord S&M Co, WPR and/or GMV fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 572, on TDY for app three (3) days for purpose of attending a course of instruction on Operation and Main of Modified M6 Bomb Serv Truck and to Pick up trucks asgd this comd. CTRS. EM will report 1900 hrs 22 Jan 45. EM will take Mess Equipt and Blankets.

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while travelling on dy & while at TDY Sta in accordance with Cir 63 European TO, US Army, '44, as amended. TONT. TDN. FSA. 60-136 P 432-02 A 812/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq European TO, US Army, dd 24 May '44, and TT 3AD J-358-C).

18. The foll named O's and EM, having been asgd this Sta per Par 2, SO#19, Hq 70th Replacement Depot (AAF), APO 652, US Army, dd 19 Jan 45, are further asgd to orgns indicated. EDMRC 21 Jan 45.

349TH BOMB SQ (H) AAF

FA 555 FA

(Gr 24 (APO 16857 FA 24)

RANK	MOS	NAME	ASN	MOS	COMP
2D Lt	(1091)	JOE C. MARTIN, Jr.,	0776672	00.999	AUS
Flt O	(1091)	HENRY CERVANTES,	T5184	07.996	AUS
2D Lt	(1034)	ANTONIO PICONE,	02072361	04.784	AUS
Cpl	(748)	WILLIAM DUDECH,	31325624	480	
Cpl	(748)	PAUL R. GERLING,	42025369	480	
Cpl	(757)	NORMAN E. LARSEN,	39210147	480	
Cpl	(611)	CELESTE ROSSI,	33619614	101	
Cpl	(611)	MATTHEW SCHIPPER,	36874531	499	
Cpl	(612)	RALPH E. SPADA,	13194033	480	

350TH BOMB SQ (H) AAF

FA 555 FA

(Gr 23 (APO 16857 FA 23)

RANK	MOS	NAME	ASN	MOS	COMP
2D Lt	(1091)	CARL E. THORKELSON,	0772011	00.999	AUS
2D Lt	(1091)	ISADORE I. KIMINSKY,	0929299	05.540	AUS
Flt O	(1034)	JOHN H. STUR,	T134598	00.999	AUS
S Sgt	(748)	RALPH E. SHIELL,	17047472	499	
Cpl	(611)	ANTHONY J. RACHNIOZ,	31376949	052	





Cr 55 (APO 16856 EJ 55)

RANK	(MOS)	NAME	ASN	MCO	COMP
1/Lt	(1091)	JERO. GARRISON,	0797817	01.100	ORC
Flt C	(1091)	WARREN A. STORZ,	T-5347	05.055	AUS
2D Lt	(1034)	FRANCIS J. DOLAN,	02071560	01.030	AUS
2D Lt	(1035)	GEORGE W. YEE, **	02069741	04.970	AUS
S Sgt	(748)	HAROLD F. CASTELLO,	32467054	323	
Cpl	(611)	WILLIAM H. ANDREWS,	34912025	098	
Cpl	(757)	STEVE J. KOWALSKI,	17115232	499	
Cpl	(611)	ROBERT S. MacKEEGAN,	35064171	480	
Cpl	(612)	GEORGE F. MILLER,	31386826	431	

418TH BOMB SQ (H) AAF

FA 555 AF

(Cr 18 (APO 16857 FA 18))

RANK	MOS	NAME	ASN	MCO	COMP
2D Lt	(1091)	CARL E. HELLERICH,	0776803	00.999	AUS
2D Lt	(1091)	EDDIE W. WHITNEY,	0929499	05.871	AUS
2D Lt	(1034)	ELDRED N. STEIN,	02072544	88.997	AUS
Cpl	(612)	ANGELO A. ALFIER,	31380116	480	
Cpl	(611)	ROBERT L. BLAIR, Jr.,	39335466	480	
Cpl	(757)	JAMES J. FINN,	15119117	499	
Cpl	(611)	GLENN L. HATFIELD,	13200589	590	
Cpl	(748)	ELLIS W. MILLER,	36456707	590	
Cpl	(611)	WILLIAM A. PLATZNER,	35068555	302	

(Cr 54 (APO 16856 EJ 54))

2D Lt	(1091)	WILDE D. PRATT,	0833407	00.999	AUS
2D Lt	(1091)	HEROLD L. RINTOUL,	0928906	00.999	AUS
2D Lt	(1034)	JOHN E. CROTTY,	02071557	05.035	AUS
2D Lt	(1035)	WILLIAM G. WOODRUFF,	0786153	00.999	AUS
Cpl	(611)	HANSEL H. ADKINS,	35774031	014	
Cpl	(757)	ERNEST T. DELATO,	32655928	384	
Cpl	(611)	ROBERT G. GUIDI,	32887714	590	
Cpl	(612)	WILLIAM M. LUCAS,	35874028	480	
Cpl	(748)	ANTHONY SZOTT,	32929339	324	

\*\*(Note Par 11c(9), AR 345-100).

19. Pvt (345) BERNARD M. SOLAN, 32392370, 418th Bomb Sq, is reld fr asgmt & dy therat and trfd in gr to 2912th Disciplinary Training Center, APO 545, US Army. (Auth: GCMC#1, Hq 3AD, dd 18 Jan 45).

20. Sgt RUSSEL E. CAMPBELL, 6876450, Det "A" 1285th Military Police Company, is placed on TDY for app three (3) days, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 on or about 22 January 1945 to 2912th Disciplinary Training Center, APO 545, US Army, for the purpose of acting as gd & transferring thereto Pvt BERNARD M. SOLAN, 32392370, 418th Bomb Sq. Upon completion of this TDY Sgt Campbell will return to his proper sta, AAF Sta 139.

IBIGRIK, FD will pay in adv mon alws in lieu thereof as prescribed in AR 35-4500, and Cir 63, European TO, US Army, '44, as amended, a/r \$3000 per day per man for one (1) man for meals taken enroute and return for the gd;

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A/r \$3.00 per day per man for one (1) man for meals taken enroute for the prisoner; a/r \$2.00 per day per man for one (1) man for two (2) days for meals for the 3d. (Auth: GCMC/4, Hq 3d Air Division, dated 18 January 1945, and Ltr Hq European TO, US Army, dated 24 May 1944.)

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139  
APO 589

Special Orders )

22 January 1945

Number.....21 )

1. VOCO, 21 Jan '45, ordering: "Par 17, SO#20, this Hq, cs, is amended to include: 'S Sgt RAYMOND A BOWMAN, 34197991; T/5 RICHARD H. BRUCE, 39257611; Pvt ARTHUR J. TACCONELLI, 33053201', is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of written orders in advance. (AR 35-48900)

2. Par 20, SO#20, this Hq cs, is hereby revoked.

3. Sgt RUSSEL E. CAMPBELL, 6376450, Det "A" 1285th MP Co, is placed on TDY for app three (3) days, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 23 Jan '45 to 2912th DTC, APO 545, US Army, for the purpose of acting as gd & transferring thereto Pvt BERNARD M. SOLAN, 32392370, 418th Bomb Sq. Upon completion of this TDY Sgt Campbell will return to his proper sta, AAF Sta 139.

IBIGRIK, FD will pay in adv mon alws in lieu thereof as prescribed in AR 35-4520, and Cir 63, European TO, US Army, '44, as amended, a/r \$3.00 per day per man for one (1) man for three (3) days for meals taken enroute & return for the gd; a/r \$3.00 per day per man for one (1) man for one (1) day for meals taken enroute for the prisoner; a/r \$2.00 per day per man for one (1) man for two (2) days for qrs for the gd. (Auth: GCMO#4, Hq 3d Air Division, dated 18 January, 1945, and ltr Hq European TO, US Army, dd 24 May 44).

4. The foll named Officers, 351st Bomb Sq, are hereby granted a sk leave of absence for a period of seven (7) days, eff o/a 24 Jan '45:

1st Lt RONALD L. DOVEL, O-771671, AC

2d Lt BENJAMIN J. IMMERMAN, O-777332, AC

2nd Lt JOSEPH KREZNAR, O-2064493, AC

Flt O BILLY K. WINTERS, T-127399, AC

5. The foll named EM, Cpls, 350th Bomb Sq, are aptd Sgts, eff this date:

Richard H. Liebman, 42033579

Vern L. Miles, 37721171

James W. Church, 15372929

William L. Charlton, 53686403

Patrick J. Tooley, 18138297

Richard G. Chapple, 36876297

Tom E. Ramsey, 15328980

Ralph J. Kalberloh, 37722249

Henry E. Nangle, 35710052

Robert W. Blikeng, 19141494

Saul Brown, 35768977

Willis E. Bell, 37726822

John F. Ingenthron, 37708360

Reinhardt J. Komloski, 37705530

Hugh P. Boyd, 12099503

John C. Moss, 39922645

Harold W. Snyder, 19193418

Donald R. Andres, 39921896

Herschel R. Glenn, 35236352

Martin P. Bogard, 36182917

Russell K. Clingan, 37680591

Harvey K. Wingard, 37524192

Edison A. Farquhar, 33747158

William G. Leonard, 38133367

Richard G. Crane, 37662202

Russell A. Madsen, 19171296

Curtis H. Satzinger, 37572660

Lester L. Alexander, 39719507

Mearl W. Johnson, 37576840

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6. Pfc MILTON L. RAY, 32584465, 216th Fin Sec, is promoted to the grade of Technician 5th Grade, eff this date.

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DATE 2. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Assistant Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Station Adjutant.

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By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

- 30 21, Hq 7 AF Station No. 130, APO 553, Rm 400, 22 January 1945, cont'd.
7. The toll named EM, organs indicated, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 22 Jan 45 to AAF Sta 153, on TDY for an indefinite period, for purpose of CCRS.
- CRNS:
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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 340th Bomb Sq   | Sgt Robert E. McCormick, 38087504 |
| 340th Bomb Sq   | Sgt Walter E. Chapman, 38141971   |
| 340th Bomb Sq   | Cpl Clayton F. Stenbol, 38359372  |
| 456th Sup Depot | 1st Oliver Martin, 13178195       |
- TDY Sta in accordance with Cir 63 European TO, US Army, as amended, TONT.
- FD will pay EM for subs & gas while traveling on dy & while at
- TDY. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq European TO, US Army, 24 May '44).
8. The toll named O & EM, 418th Bomb Sq, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta indicated, RUAL prior to 1200 hrs 24 Jan 45, on TDY for seven (7) days, for purpose of rest and recuperation. CCRS.
- TO: AAF STA 556
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| 1 Sgt ALFRED F. MARCELLO, 17155233 | 1 Sgt WILLIAM P. HOOD, 33766098 |
| S Sgt CURTIS L. HOOKER, 38591214   | S Sgt SAM L. FOSHUE, 14107051   |
| S Sgt WADE A. DOARES, 14193851     |                                 |
- TO: AAF STA 567
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| 1ST LT GRANT A. FULLER, 0715178, AC | 1ST LT ARTHUR H. JUHLIN, 0723096, AC |
| 1ST LT STORM C. RHODE, 0750046      |                                      |
- FD will pay O and EM for subs and gas while traveling on dy & for subs while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63, European TO, US Army, 44, as amended. TONT. TDY. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, File 245.8, Subj: Auth for Mon Alys at AAF Rest Homes, dd 21 Nov 44, and Ltr Hq European T of Ops, US Army, dd 24 May '44).
9. The toll named O & EM, 2110th Eng Avn Bn Platoon, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 23 Jan 45 to Derbyshire, on TDY for four (4) days, for purpose of CCRS.
- 1ST LT ROBERT M. SANGRO, CB, 0-1031020 T/S Henry C. Steele, 34771377
- FD will pay O & EM for subs and gas while traveling on dy & while at TDY Sta in accordance with Cir 63 European TO, US Army, as amended. TONT. TDY. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq European TO, US Army, 24 May '44).
10. Cpl HAROLD F. BECKETT, 35441369, Hq Det 100th Bomb Gp, is red to the gr of Private, for cause, eff this date.
11. PAC AAF Manual 35-1, 3 Apr 44, Sgt George H. Browne, 32607610, 28th Sta Compl Sq, is red fr 055 to 821.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCE STATION NO. 139  
APO 559

Special Orders )  
Number.....22 )

23 January 1945

1. A sk lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted the foll named Officers, 349th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 26 Jan '45. (Auth: AR 605-115).

1ST LT DENZIL NAAR, O-823922, AC      2D LT WILLIAM V. WILSON, O-774853, AC  
2D LT ROBERT H. LATTI, O-2064715, AC

2. A lv of absence for a period of seven (7) days is granted the foll named Officers, 418th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 24 Jan '45. (Auth: AR 605-115).

CAPT THOMAS M. BARRETT, O-762752, AC      1ST LT BRUCE B. GRUESCHOW, O-771920

3. CAPT JAMES E. BOWERS, O-564964, AC, 350th Bomb Sq, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 to London, England, RUAT 25 Jan '45 to 63 Broad Street, & Curzon St. Cinema, on TDY for two (2) days, for purpose of attending P/W Meeting. CTRS.

O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 N Audley St., who will provide Govt billets. Govt messing facilities are available at Grosvenor House and 44 Grosvenor Sq. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: TWX Hq Air Div J-414-D 11 Jan '45).

4. Cpl James R. Dickinson, 39186995, 349th Bomb Sq, WF GMV fr AAF Sta 139 to London, o/a 24 Jan '45, on TDY for two (2) days, for purpose of COCO. CTRS.

EM will report to Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where Govt q's and rats will be furn. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Hq European TO, US Army, 24 May 44).

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
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Number 24 )

25 January 1945

1. S Sgt Jack G Rose, 19091306, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp WPWD Rail fr AAF Sta 139 to London, England, on TDY for two (2) days, for purpose of COCO. CTRS.

EM will report to Casual Center, CRS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where Govt qrs & rats will be furn. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

2. The foll named EM, orgns indicated WPWD GMV, fr AAF Sta 139 to 2nd SAD, AAF Sta 102, on TDY for app two (2) days, for purpose of COCO: CTRS. TONT. TDN. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

S Sgt Thomas A Madel, 37127489, 350th Bomb Sq  
Pfc Bennie Chavez, 39851804, 351st Bomb Sq

3. Cpl Emil L Stephens, 15048732, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, WPWD Rail and/or GMV, fr AAF Sta 139 to 2nd SAD, AAF Sta 102, on TDY for app seven (7) days, RUAT to Mickey Radar Officer, for purpose of COCO: CTRS. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

4. Pvt (757) Edward A Duffy, 37122083, MCO 186, having been asgd this sta fr CP, 70th Repl Depot, is further asgd to 418th Bomb Sq. (Auth: Par 11, SO 17, Hq 70th Repl Depot (AAF), 17 Jan 45.)

5. Par 5, SO 23, this Hq, cs, is amended to delete, "1ST LT WILLIAM J WALLRICH, 0562273, AC, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp" and to substitute, 1ST LT ROBERT P JOYCE, 01574458, QMC, 1141st QM Co.

6. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, having been atchd this sta, are further atchd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp for rats & qrs: (Auth: TWX Hq 3d AD J-913-C, 22 Jan 45.)

S Sgt Earl D Andress, 18116566, 863rd Bomb Sq, AAF Sta 152  
T Sgt Calvin J Fox, 31219325, 709th Bomb Sq, AAF Sta 126  
Cpl Charles E Williams, 19100806, 837th Bomb Sq, AAF Sta 137

7. Sgt Brady M Pruitt, 18075768, 418th Bomb Sq, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 582, RUAT to Station Adjutant not later than 1600 hrs 28 Jan 45, on TDY for app two (2) weeks, for purpose of attending course in E.C. Supercharger, CTRS.

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy only in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq 3d AD, 18 Jan 44, subj: "Assignment of AC Personnel to Tech Tng Sch.")

8. So much of par 18, SO 20, this Hq, cs, as reads "Cpl (748) Paul R Gerling, 42025369" is amended to read, "Cpl (611) Paul R Gerling, 42025369".

9. The foll named EM, 349th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

Sgt Albert L Egsieker, 13068544  
Sgt Arthur A Edmonston, 15125646

Sgt Thomas C Browning Jr, 18098920  
Sgt David E Clowe, 18121314

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OFFICIAL:  
HONORABLE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

Cpl James G. Kedes, 1920101  
Cpl John W. Puckett, Jr., 14200252  
Cpl John A. Rude, 37581354  
Cpl Andrew A. Pearce, Jr., 33689475  
Cpl Harold H. Lewis, 39213539  
Cpl Julius Golden, 12215350  
Cpl Reginald V. Bullitt, 17055005  
Cpl Paul R. Chandler, 38552907  
Cpl Marion R. Cutton, 37636645  
Cpl Donald L. Jacobson, 17131557  
Cpl Arthur C. Champion, 32243129  
Cpl Anthony V. Trovato, 19133717  
Cpl Robert R. Parsons, 17136200  
Cpl Frank W. Dicker, 38520787  
Cpl John P. Rodany, 17144293  
Cpl Burton H. Bossmeyer, 19141630  
Cpl Charles W. Johnson, 17142910  
Cpl William H. Coop, 16096681  
Cpl Jesse D. Haggard, 16364436

12. The following named EM, 416th Bomb Sq., are promoted to the grade of Sergeant (Temp), effective date: (auth: AR 615-5.)

Sgt Joseph H. Griggs, 17086579  
Sgt Norman D. Helibuth, 16081127

11. The following named EM, 351st Bomb Sq., are promoted to the grade of Sergeant (Temp), effective date: (auth: AR 615-5.)

Cpl Robert C. Anderson, 16137572  
Cpl Charles L. Miller, 37671333  
Cpl Ralph C. Anderson, 19122574  
Cpl Frank Rouch, Jr., 21380743  
Cpl Thomas H. Baker, 15074806  
Cpl Charles L. Bann, 38437043

10. The following named EM, 349th Bomb Sq., are promoted to the grade of Sergeant (Temp), effective date: (auth: AR 615-5.)

SO 24, HQ AAF Sta 139, APO 559, US Army, 25 Jun 45, cont'd.

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Number 25 )

26 January 1945

## 1. Extracted.

2. VOCO, this Hq, 22 Jan 45, ordering, "So much of par 13, SO 20, this Hq, cs, as reads, 'The foll \*\*\*\*\* on TDY for app one (1) day \*\*\*\*\*' is amended to read, 'The foll \*\*\*\*\* on TDY for app three (3) days \*\*\*\*\*', is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. The exigencies of the service precluded the issuance of written orders in advance. (Auth: AR 35-4890.)

3. The foll named EM, Det A, 1285th MP Co, are promoted to the gr of Private First Class (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

Pvt John H Atkinson, 17108076

Pvt Frank D Morillas, 39415011

Pvt Henry R Schanz, 33288811

4. The foll named EM, 418th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

S Sgt Joseph H Ciammaichella, 15132454

S Sgt Ramon Conejo, 38440732

S Sgt Joseph Kosik, 33435727

S Sgt Raymond C Kowalski, 36854767

S Sgt Peter Glanz, 16113273

S Sgt Robin J Whybrew, 19090172

5. Pvt (757) Edward A Duffy, 37122083, MCO 186, 418th Bomb Sq, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to 351st Bomb Sq.

6. 1ST LT RICHARD C NORDRUM, 0854907, AC, 350th Bomb Sq, WFR and/or GMV fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 158, RUAT 31 Jan 45, on TDY for ten (10) days, for purpose of attending AC Special Purpose Vehicles School. CTRS.

FD will pay O for subs & qrs while traveling on dy only in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: TWX Hq 3d AD, J-946-C.)

7. Pvt Patrick B White, 31159263, 351st Bomb Sq, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 to No 2 RAF Rad Sch, Yatesbury, RUAT prior to 1600 hrs 31 Jan 45, on TDY for fifteen (15) days, for purpose of attending course of instruction in Maint of Airborne Rad Equip. CTRS.

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy only in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: TWX Hq, 3d AD, J-1016-C.)

8. The foll named O, 351st Bomb Sq, are reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp & detailed to dy as Adm O.

1ST LT (1034) MERRILL W TOBUREN, 0719175, AC, MCO 00.999, Comp AUS

1ST LT (1091) FREDERICK G SMITH, 0771142, AC, MCO 51.756, Comp AUS

1ST LT (1091) VAN A HAIRE, JR, 0556049, AC, MCO 04.571, Comp AUS

9. Par 10, SO 20, This Hq, cs, is hereby rescinded.

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OFFICIAL:

DATE 2. HOBBES  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Adjutant.

HORACE L. WARREN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

- hard labor is hereby remitted, eff this date.
- ordered executed by the appointing authority as provides for confinement at #23), in violation of 96th Article of War, so much of the sentence approved and APO 559, US Army, tried by Special Court Martial, this Hq, on 6 Dec 44, (SCMO 139, APO 559, US Army, tried by Special Court Martial, this Hq, on 18 Dec 44, (SCMO #25), in violation of 61st Article of War, so much of the sentence approved and ordered executed by the appointing authority as provides for confinement at hard labor is hereby remitted, eff this date.
14. In the case of Pte Clifford E Reed, 37354470, 18th Bomb Sq, AAF Sta 139, APO 559, US Army, tried by Special Court Martial, this Hq, on 18 Dec 44, (SCMO #26), in violation of 61st Article of War, so much of the sentence approved and ordered executed by the appointing authority as provides for confinement at hard labor is hereby remitted, eff this date.
13. In the case of Pte Harold L Gury, 18192861, 418th Bomb Sq, AAF Sta 139, APO 559, US Army, tried by Special Court Martial, this Hq, on 18 Dec 44, (SCMO #26), in violation of 61st Article of War, so much of the sentence approved and ordered executed by the appointing authority as provides for confinement at hard labor is hereby remitted, eff this date.
12. Pte Donald J Hoffman, 16008345, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is apt to the gr of Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)
11. S Sgt Donald J Hoffman, 16008345, 28th Sta Comp Sq, is red to the gr of Private, without prejudice, eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)
10. The foll named O's, are hereby held in addn dy as Soldier Voting Officers. (Auth: 2nd Ind to Hqs Hq US Strategic AF, in Europe, file 014.35, dated 19 Jan 45.)
- 1ST LT WALTER G BURKE, 0649747, AC  
CAPT ROBERT H WILLIAMS, 0567101, AC  
CAPT JAMES B GALLAGHER, 0568239, AC  
CAPT EMERIL G SCHANDLING, 0299027, QMC  
CAPT GEORGE D ALLEN, 0394310, AC  
CAPT ROBERT H TIENKEN, 0562206, AC  
1ST LT HANSELL W HANSEY, 0566479, AC  
CAPT RICHARD R MURPHY, 0158321, ORD  
1ST LT MYRON A TERNUNE, 01036405, CWS  
CAPT DATE Z. HOBBES, 0855904, AC
- SO 25, Hq AAF Sta 139, APO 559, US Army, 26 Jan 45, Cont'd.

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E X T R A C T

1. The foll named EM are trfd in gr fr orgns indicated to 12th Reinforce-  
ment Depot, Reinforcement Command, European TO, US Army, APO 551. EM will  
report to CO thereat not later than 30 January 1945.

TRFD FR: HQ DET, 100TH BOMB GP.

Pfc (055) Ernest F Behr, 32995811 Pvt Kenneth Peart, 34153555 (677)

TRFD FR: 349TH BOMB SQUADRON

Sgt (932) DeWayne L Kauffman, 37225479 Pfc Alonzo E Johnson, 37306504 (405)  
Pvt (590) Joseph Datta, 33625168 Sgt (060) Joseph F DeSimone, 13130904  
Pvt (345) Peter W Leary, 31120648 Pfc (590) Michael J Mizak, 13068756  
Pfc (835) Sistiella G Maurizzi, 19142363 Pvt (809) Fred O Harvey, 14080126  
Pvt (590) Louis M Sokol, 32774231 Pfc (901) Eric E Bruning, 32478709

TRFD FR: 350TH BOMB SQUADRON

Cpl (747) Theodore Szelewski, 12130677 Pfc (164) James M Wilson, 34037795  
Pvt (590) Forest E Williams, 35484516 Cpl (014) Merle S Shields, 32738961  
Pvt (590) Corbin K Bland, 18002501 Pvt (590) Robert G Truex, 15324256  
Pvt (590) Clarence E Wood, 35584665 Pvt (060) Hoy H Mitchell, 38223507.  
Pfc (590) Calvin C Bartlett, 31266385

TRFD FR: 351ST BOMB SQUADRON

Pfc (901) Richard M Hallock, 12327172 Pfc (835) Edwin W Whitaker, 32092740  
Pvt (590) William Williamson, 36659936 Pvt (590) Chester R Lee, 39334482  
Pfc (345) John Dementry Pvt (590) George C Holmberg, 32518717  
Sgt (678) Merritt D Payne, 12098560

TRFD FR: 418TH BOMB SQUADRON

Sgt Donald J Hoffman, 16008345 (502) Sgt (911) Leroy Moore, 20803039  
Cpl (060) Frank X Whitley, 32390703 Pfc (590) Peter Pezanowski, 33268560  
Pfc (345) Robert W Wellons, 32658884 Pfc (685) John Mlkvy Jr, 33108530  
Cpl (756) Louis Bonicore, 32405223 Pvt (283) Harold L Gary, 13192881  
Cpl (747) Jackie R Audrain, 38589034 Pvt (345) Clifford E Reed, 37354470

TRFD FR: 456TH SUB DEPOT

Pvt (590) Clarence E Johns, 33284901 Pfc (590) Farnan J Mattison, 34652811  
Pfc (590) Sheldon N Yohn, 33507047 Pfc (590) David F Morrison, 34651901

TRFD FR: 1776TH ORD S & M CO

Pvt (901) Charles D Radosevic, 36660156

TRFD FR: 2110TH ENG AVN FF PLATOON

Pfc (345) Homer L Fulk, 35610908

TRFD FR: DET A, 869TH CML CO

Pvt (786) Paul A LaPalce, 32746359 Pfc (786) Harold F Towne, 32583670

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DATE 2. MOBS.  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

HOMAGE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

EM will have clothing and equip listed in Sec II, European TO, US Army Circular No. 80, 1944, as amended by Sec IV, Circular No. 98, 1944. S/R and allied papers will accompany EM. EM will have a copy of SO immediately available upon arrival at new sta. EM have no knowledge of future operations and/or secret equipment. Cooked rats in kind will be provided while traveling. FD 60-136 P 431-02, 03, 04, 07, 08 A 212/50425. Hall and/or GNV. (PAC Letter Hq European TO, US Army, subj: "Reinforcement Training," 11 Jan 45, and Ltr Hq Eighth AF, subj: "Transfer of EM for Infantry Reinforcement Training," 21 Jan 45, Ltr Hq European TO, US Army, dated 24 May 1944.)

TRND FR: DEF A, 1285TH INF CO  
Pfc (677) Carlo Bojerna, 39291617  
Cpl (677) Durant A Westbrook, 36116165  
Pfc (677) Herman Brumelow, 38240543  
Pfc (677) Charles H Lane, 33647598  
Pfc (677) John A Reynolds, 36480611  
Pfc (677) Frank L Schaeffer, 36233229  
Pfc (677) John E Lynn, 35512190  
Pfc (677) Donald R Washburn, 36816231  
Pfc (677) William J Zelenevich, 37613903  
Pfc (677) Ray J Beals, 13017031  
Pfc (677) Gideon L Steed, 38200269  
Pfc (677) Henry R Schanz, 33288811  
Pfc (677) Leroy Hunter, 34355170  
Pfc (677) William M Cox, 39317495  
Cpl (677) Henry W Panek, 31010512

TRND FR: 28TH STA COMP SQ  
Cpl (605) Robert S Clark, 31254703  
Pfc (605) Walter C Stotts, 35581224  
Pfc (605) George G Strong, 39529784  
Pfc (605) Paul B Hardy, 34188696  
Pfc (605) Frank H Lewis, 34262108  
Pfc (605) Arthur F Fryer, 6287724  
Pfc (605) Rodney E Doty, 36461602  
Sgt (055) Harold Schwartz, 12039875  
Pfc (605) David T Brewer, 39615928  
Pfc (605) Alphonse Przybyla, 36519616  
Pfc (605) George G Strong, 39529784

TRND FR: 1141ST QM CO  
Sgt (835) Eugene Nettleton, 32255973  
Pfc (835) Ruben E Woot, 36119671

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27 January 1945

1. Flt O (1034) SALVATORE ANZALDI, T-124485, 351st Bomb Sq, WPWD GMV fr AAF Sta 139 to Hq 3d Air Division on TDY for an indef pd to COCO. TND. GMV. (Auth: VOOG, 3d AD, 26 Jan 45).

2. The foll named EM, orgns indicated WPWD GMV, fr AAF Sta 139 to 2nd SAD, AAF Sta 102, on TDY for app two (2) days, to COCO: CTRS. TONT. TDN. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

S Sgt Thomas A Madel, 37127489, 350th Bomb Sq  
Pfc Bennie Chavez, 39851804, 351st Bomb Sq

3. 1ST LT WILLIAM J ALBRECHT, 01704154, AC, 87th Transport Sq, 31st Transport Gp, AAF Sta 519, having erroneously rptd this Sta, WPR WD to AAF Sta 101. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

4. CAPT (5310) VINCENT J McCARTAN, 0411535, CH, Comp ORC, MCO 98.935 having been asgd this sta fr 47th Sta Comp Sq, is further asgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp. (Auth: Par 2, SO 17, Hq Air Disarmament Command (Prov), USSTAF, 23 Jan 45.)

5. CAPT (1091) RALPH L SWAIN, JR, 0399581, AC, having been asgd this sta fr 1st CC Gunnery Sch, is further asgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp. (Auth: Par 6, SO 25, Hq 3d AD, 25 Jan 45.)

6. Cpl (867) John J Lacey, 32962208, MCO 070, having been asgd this sta fr CP, 70th Repl Depot, is further asgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp. (Auth: Par 34 SO 24, Hq 70th Repl Depot 24 Jan 45.)

7. PAC AAF Manual 35-1, 3 Apr 44, the foll EM, orgns indicated are reclassified as indicated.

			OLD MOS	NEW MOS
T 4	Charles Garment	32439054	270th Med Disp Avn	657 858
Cpl	Louis Camacho	39111799	418th Bomb Sq	590 080
T Sgt	Angelo J Cioffi	32512469	350th Bomb Sq	612 757
Pvt	Joseph F Murphy	6727736	418th Bomb Sq	605 911
Pfc	Chester A Bradford Jr,	19177019	351st Bomb Sq	932 345
Pvt	James A Stoddard	31147646	Det A, 1285th MP Co	605 677
T Sgt	Theodore S Stearns	39177331	1776th Ord S & M Co	815 965
Cpl	LeRoy O Wabaunsee	37496372	351st Bomb Sq	932 345
Sgt	John Patricelli	36301564	349th Bomb Sq	862 754

8. 1ST LT (8503) ROBERT F LAMERE, 0572340, AC, Comp AUS, MCO 87.102, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to 418th Bomb Sq.

9. M Sgt (502) Harry J Kelling, 35283285 MCO 055, having been asgd this sta fr Det A, 1st CC Gunnery Sch, is further asgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp. (Auth: Par 2, SO 23, Hq 3d AD, 23 Jan 45.)

10. SO much of par 18, SO 20 this Hq, as reads, "Cpl (611) Meyer Gitlin" and "S Sgt (748) Harold F Castello", is amended to read "Cpl (612) Meyer Gitlin" and "S Sgt (748) Harold F Castello."

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HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

DATE 2, 1966  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

FD will pay 0 for subs & grs while traveling on dy only in accordance with air 63 EMOUSA 44, as amended. TDN. TONT. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq EMOUSA 24 May 44.)

16. CAPT WILLIAM S PORTER, 0569806, AC, 351st Bomb Sq, AF Sta 139 o/a 29 Jan 45 to Tidworth Barracks, Wilt., on TDY for app three (3) days, to COCO. CTNS.

15. 2D LT (1091) ROBERT G WELLM, 0713852, AC, Comp AUS, is rel'd fr dy in & asgmt with 349th Bomb Sq & reass'd to 351st Bomb Sq.

14. Par 16, SO 20, this Hq, cs, is hereby deleted.

13. Par 13, 14 & 15, SO 25, this Hq, cs, are hereby deleted.

Sgt Robert F Joyce, 36811326	Sgt George E Mensler, 32046788
Sgt Charles W Dineen, 16161626	Sgt Major Williamson Jr, 34675442
Sgt Samuel Pitkowski, 16186513	Sgt Gene C Bankston, 38563546

12. The roll named EM, 349th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

11. So much of Par 11 & Par 12, SO 25, this Hq, cs, as reads, "28th Sta Comp Sq", is amended to read, "418th Bomb Sq".

SO 26, Hq AAF Sta 139, APO 559, US Army, 27 Jan 45, Cont'd.

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28 January 1945

1. The foll named EM, 349th Bomb Sq, WP fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 29 Jan 45 to Birmingham on TDY for app two (2) days, for purpose of COCO: CTRS.

Cpl Daniel V Cordelli, 33347958

Cpl Albert J Nadalsky, 15067597

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & while at TDY Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TDN. TBGAA. FSA. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

2. The foll named EM, orgns indicated, WP fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 29 Jan 45 to Isleworth, on TDY for app one (1) day for purpose of COCO: CTRS.

Sgt William R Henes, 32203516, 1141st QM Co

Cpl Floyd A Andreatta, 35393494, 1141st QM Co

Cpl Robert W Grubb, 33581105, 28th Sta Comp Sq

FD will pay EM for subs & qrs while traveling on dy & while at TDY Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA 44, as amended. TDN. TBGAA. FSA. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

3. In the case of Pfc Clarence E Johns, 456th Sub Depot, AAF Sta 139, APO 559, US Army, tried 11 Jan 45 by Summary Court-Martial of this command for failing to repair for routine duty, in violation of the 61st Article of War, so much of the sentence approved and ordered executed by the appointing authority on 12 Jan 45, as provides for confinement at hard labor in excess of 3 days and for all forfeiture of pay is illegal and without legal effect, because in excess of the authorized legal maximum. All records will be corrected to conform to this order, and Pfc Clarence E Johns will be reimbursed for any pay so illegally withheld.

4. So much of par 1, SO 25, this Hq, cs, as reads, "Pvt (901) Charles D Radosevic, 36660156, 1776th Ord S & M Co", is amended to read "Pfc Charles D Radosevic, 36660156, 1776th Ord S & M Co."

5. Par 1, SO 25, this Hq, cs, is amended to delete the foll:

Sgt (055) Harold Schwartz, 12039875, 28th Sta Comp Sq

Cpl (677) Durant A Westbrook, 36116155, Det A, 1285th MP Co

T/5 (060) Leroy Hunter, 34335170, Det A, 1285th MP Co

and to substitute the foll:

Pvt (605) Edwin A Isaacson, 33610451, 28th Sta Comp Sq

Pfc (677) Debois L Edmundson, 34037376, Det A, 1285th MP Co

Pvt (677) Frank T Morillas, 39415011, Det A, 128th MP Co

6. So much of par 1, SO 25, this Hq, cs, as reads, "Pfc (345) John Dementry, 351st Bomb Sq", is amended to read, "Pfc (345) John Dementry, 1611023-

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL:

*Dale Z. Hobbs*  
DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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Number 28 )

29 January 1945

1. Flt O (1038) SUMNER H WOODROW, T129907, AC, Comp AUS, MCO 01.170, having been asgd this sta fr CP 70th Repl Depot per par 6, SO 25, Hq 70th Repl Depot, 25 Jan 45, is further asgd to 350th Bomb Sq.

2. Sgt Calvin F Chapman, 38127336, 351st Bomb Sq, WPR and/or GMV fr AAF Sta 139 to Adden Brooke Hospital, Cambridge, RUAT Medical Board prior to 1100 hours 31 Jan 45, on TDY for app one (1) day, for purpose of undergoing observation and treatment. CTRS. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

3. S Sgt James A Murray, 38469625, 350th Bomb Sq, is promoted to the gr of Technical Sergeant (Temp), eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

4. The foll named EM, 350th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Private First Class (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

Pvt Faraon Chapa, 38364820

Pvt Walter Kane, 32225532

5. The foll named O & EM, 351st Bomb Sq, WPR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta indicated, RUAT prior to 1200 hrs 31 Jan 45, on TDY for seven (7) days, for purpose of rest and recuperation. CTRS.

TO: AAF STA 567

1ST LT HAROLD H SHERRARD, 0791975, AC 2D LT RALPH H BRADLEY, 0777300, AC  
2D LT WILLIAM J CULLY, 0775816, AC 2D LT ALDO C J DINASCIO, 02060255, AC

TO: AAF STA 511

T Sgt Melvin E Caughlin, 13110845 T Sgt John M Owens, 16153632  
S Sgt John A Crouch, 32841627 S Sgt Martin F Delao, 18060615  
S Sgt Raymond C Reddy, 12179112

FD will pay O and EM for subs & qrs while travelling on dy & for subs while at TD Sta in accordance with Cir 63 ETOUSA, 44, as amended. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, file 245.8, subj: Auth for Mon Alws at AAF Rest Homes, dd 21 Nov 44, and Ltr Hq ETOUSA dd 24 May 44.)

6. IC Par 24, AR 210-65, the foll named O, orgns indicated, will inventory FX during the evening of 31 January 1945:

CAPT MALCOLM W CLOUTER, 0854155, AC, 350th Bomb Sq  
CAPT THOMAS A TOOMEY JR, 0562220, AC, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp

7. The foll named O, orgns indicated, are hereby detailed to inventory the Officers' Club on 1 February 1945:

1ST LT MAX JUNI, 0856059, AC, 351st Bomb Sq  
1ST LT JOHN R OLSON, 0561793, AC, 418th Bomb Sq

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DATE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Asst Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

CAPT (1091) PAUL L SPURGEON, 0760681, AC, comp AUS, MCO 01.013  
CAPT (1035) RALPH R SEARLE, 0725087, AC, comp AUS, MCO 18.688

9. The foll named O, 350th Bomb Sq, are reld tr dy in & asgmt threat & reassd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb gp & detailed to dy with Lead Crew Training.

ACD	592nd AFU	CMS	Det A, 869th Cml Co	2D LT ALBERT H ANDERSON, 02000162
QMC	1141st QM Co	QMC	1141st QM Co	1ST LT ROBERT F JOYCE, 01674458
ORD	1776th Ord S & N Co	ORD	1776th Ord S & N Co	CAPT RICHARD R MURPHY, 016883421
AC	466th Sub Depot	AC	466th Sub Depot	CAPT JAMES B GALLAGHER, 05682339
CMP	Det A, 1285th MP Co	CMP	Det A, 1285th MP Co	1ST LT DONALD P VERNIER, 01797391
AC	Hq Det, 100th Bomb gp	AC	Hq Det, 100th Bomb gp	CAPT DALE Z. HOBBS, 0855904
AC	28th Sta Comp Sq	AC	28th Sta Comp Sq	CAPT GEORGE D ALLEN, 0394310
AC	349th Bomb Sq	AC	349th Bomb Sq	1ST LT WALTER G BURKE, 0649747
AC	350th Bomb Sq	AC	350th Bomb Sq	CAPT ROBERT H TIENKEN, 0562206
AC	418th Bomb Sq	AC	418th Bomb Sq	1ST LT HANSSELL W RAMSEY, 0566479
AC	351st Bomb Sq	AC	351st Bomb Sq	CAPT ROBERT H WILLIAMS, JR, 0567101
MC	270th Med Disp Avn	MC	270th Med Disp Avn	CAPT THADDEUS A FORNISKI, 0494041

8. UP AR 35-320, Par 3, the foll named O are detailed as O1 "A" Agent Pln O to 1ST LT J G MORRIS, 0470785, FD, ADC, AAF Sta 134, for payment of EM of their respective organs of this sta, not in excess of \$35,000.00 for the regular P/R for the mo of January 1948:

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30 January 1945

1. PAC AAF Manual 35-1, 3 Apr 44, MAJOR WILLIAM H THOMPSON, 0398615, AC, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, is reld fr 2161 to 1091.

2. CAPT (1034) JOHN V LARSON, 0718349, AC, Comp AUS, MCO 01.700, 350th Bomb Sq, is reld fr dy in & asgmt thereat & reasgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp.

3. 2D LT ANTHONY B DeSILVIO, 02059003, AC, 418th Bomb Sq, WP fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 31 Jan 45 to Hq 3d Air Division on TDY for an indef pd to COCO. CTRS. TDN. TBGAA. (Auth: VOGC 3d AD & Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

4. So much of par 1, SO 283, this Hq, 1944 as reads, "\*\*\*\*\* a lv of absence \*\*\*\*\*" is amended to read, "\*\*\*\*\* a sk lv of absence \*\*\*\*\*".

5. A sk lv of abs for a period of seven (7) days, is granted the foll named O, 350th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 1 Feb 45: (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

1ST LT JOE W MICHAEL, 0462654, AC      2D LT ROBERT WOJKOVICH, 02066091, AC  
2D LT ROBERT E MARSH, 02057224, AC

6. Cpl Joseph W Achenbach, 33368092, 418th Bomb Sq, is red to the grade of Private, for cause, eff this date. (Auth: AR 615-5.)

7. The foll named EM, 418th Bomb Sq, are promoted to the gr of Private First Class (Temp), eff this date: (Auth: AR 615-5.)

Pvt Wallace R Baldwin, 33602987      Pvt Richard A DeRome, 37518593  
Pvt Edward O Desrosiers, 31307082      Pvt William M Mora, 38252317  
Pvt Emmett D Puckett, 13032838

8. CAPT MILLARD B ARICK, 0486921, AC, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, on TDY for two (2) days, RUAT Major Bishoff, A-2, prior to 0900 hrs 2 Feb 45, to COCO. CTRS. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

9. The foll named O & EM, orgns indicated, WP fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 31 Jan 45 to London, England, on TDY for app two (2) days, to COCO: CTRS.

CAPT JOHN C WILLIAMS, 0567099, AC, 349th Bomb Sq  
Cpl LeRoy O Wabaunsee, 37496372, 351st Bomb Sq

O will contact Billeting O, CBS, 5 N Audley St., who will provide Govt billets. Govt messing facilities for O are available at Grosvenor House and 44 Grosvenor Sq. EM will report to Casual Center, CBS, 44 Cadogan Pl, where Govt qrs & rats will be furn. TONT. TDN. TBGAA. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

10. CAPT THOMAS H WEDIN, 0560457, AC, Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 101, on TDY for two (2) days, to COCO. CTRS. TONT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq ETOUSA 24 May 44.)

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL:

*Dale Z. Hobbs*  
DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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31 January 1945

1. The fol named O and EM, 1776th Ord S & M Co, WP fr AAF Sta 139 o/a 1 Feb 45 to Depot G-25 on TDY for app three (3) days to COCO. CTRS.

1ST LT ARTHUR E STAPLETON, 01550925, ORD M Sgt Joseph Kwasnick, 36503146

FD will pay EM for subs and qrs while traveling on dy only in accordance with Cir 63 European TO, US Army, 44, as amended. TDN. TBGAA. FSA. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: Ltr Hq European TO, US Army 24 May 44.)

2. T Sgt Elmer Most, 12034363, 349th Bomb Sq, WFR fr AAF Sta 139 to AAF Sta 582, RUAT to Sta Adj not later than 1600 hrs 4 Feb 44, on TDY for one (1) week, for purpose of attending course in C-1 Formation Stick. CTRS.

FD will pay EM for subs and qrs while traveling on dy only in accordance with Cir 63 European TO, US Army, 44, as amended. QMFT. TDN. 60-136 P 432-02 A 212/50425. (Auth: TMX Hq 3d AD, J-1190-C, 28 Jan 45.)

3. MAJOR (1091) JOHNSTON R STAPLES, 0430629, AC, Comp ORC, MCO 65.519, having been asgd this sta fr CP, 70th Repl Depot, is further asgd to Hq Det, 100th Bomb Gp. (Auth: Par 1, SO 28, Hq 70th Repl Depot, 28 Jan 45.)

4. A sk lv of abs for a period of seven (7) days, is granted 1ST LT CARL H ROESEL, 02058554, AC, 418th Bomb Sq, eff o/a 1 Feb 44. (Auth: Sec III, AR 605-115.)

5. PAC par 26, AR 210-65, CAPT MALCOLM W CLOUTER, 0854155, AC, 350th Bomb Sq, is aptd Auditing O to audit the accts of the PX for the mo of January 1945. Date of audit will be the close of business 31 January 1945.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

OFFICIAL:

*[Signature]*  
DALE Z. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Ass't Adjutant.

HORACE L. VARIAN, JR.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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# THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Thursday, 4 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Thursday 4 Jan 0833 - 1727

Friday 5 Jan 0833 - 1728

431OFFICIAL431Officer of the Day

Thursday, 4 January 1945 - Captain Edward F. Beecher - 456th Sub Depot

Friday, 5 January 1945 - 1st Lt John C. Williams - 349th Bombardment Squad

Officer of the Guard

Thursday, 4 January 1945 - 1st Lt Bernard C. Sparks - 349th Bombardment Sq

Friday, 5 January 1945 - 2nd Lt William E. Anderson - 351st Bombardment Sq

Personal Conference Hour. The Station Air Inspector will hold a personal conference for the purpose of hearing suggestions, complaints, and advising personnel on military, personal, and organizational matters, at 1900 hours on the 3rd day of each month, in the Air Inspector's office. This conference is open to all personnel without the necessity of special permission or appointment. All complaints and suggestions will be held in strictest confidence except to the extent necessary to secure official action on the suggestion or inquiry. In all cases, the personnel interviewed will be advised of the action taken in each case.

Repeat Notice. Stray dogs are being picked up by Military Police. If a dog is not claimed and registered by Friday, 5 January 1945, it will be destroyed.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

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Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

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DALE Z HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Assistant Adjutant.

INFORMATIONChapel Services

Catholic Friday, 5 January 1945, is the first Friday of the month. Holy Communion will be distributed at 1205, 1630, and 1730 hours.

Protestant

Thursday

Friday

Jewish

Friday Evening Services

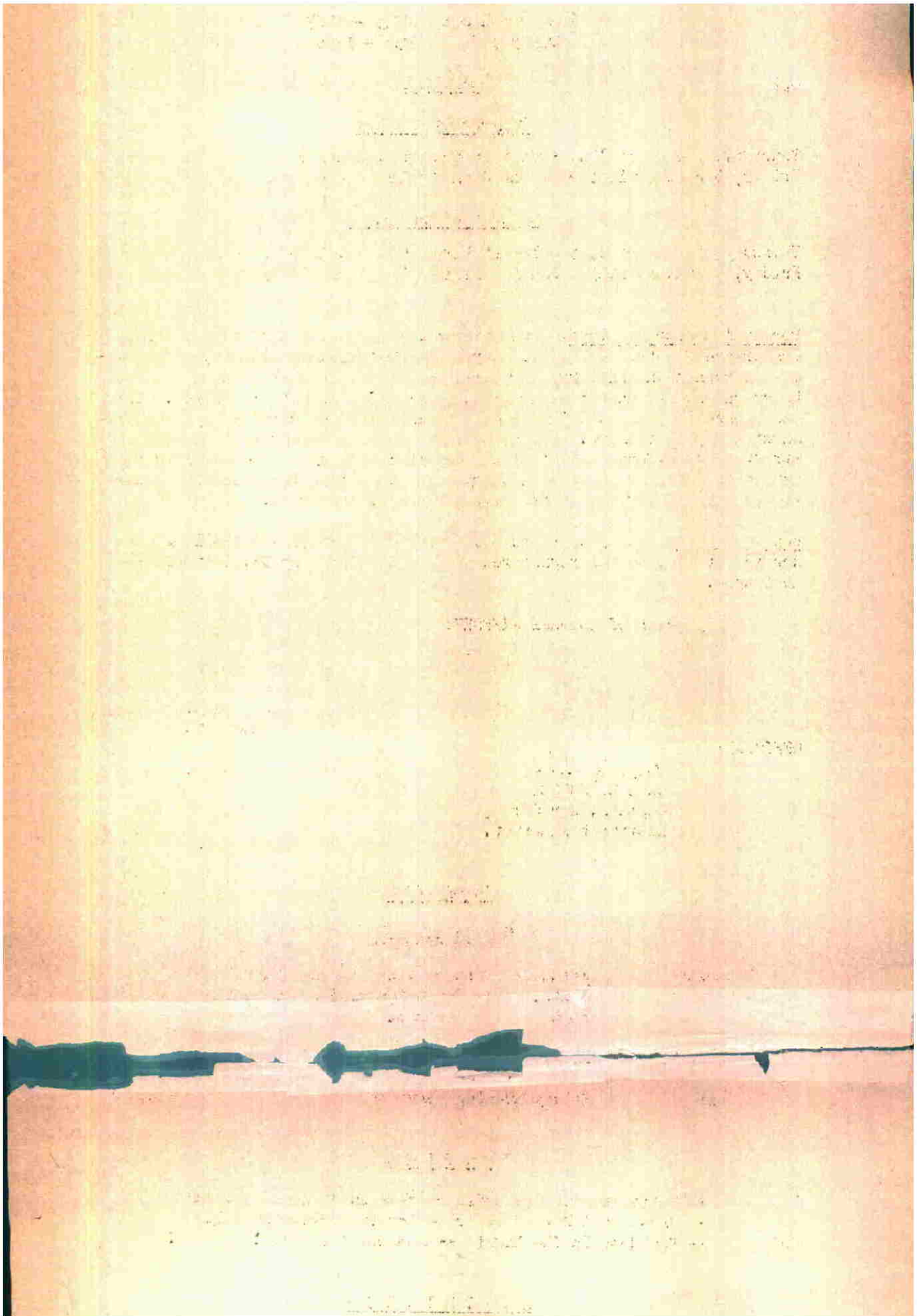
1845 hrs

MOVIES

Thursday -- Dottie Lamour and Eddie Bracken in "Rainbow Island"  
Fri & Sat -- "Lost In A Harem" starring lovely Marilyn Maxwell  
Sunday -- "Shadows In The Night" -- Suspense! Thrills! Mystery!

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# THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Tuesday 2 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Tuesday 2 Jan 0833 - 1725

Wednesday 3 Jan 0833 - 1726

430OFFICIAL430Officer of the Day

Tuesday, 2 January 1945 - Capt Henry L. Hollingsworth - 28th Sta Comp Squad  
 Wednesday, 3 January 1945 - Capt William S. Porter - 351st Bombardment Squad

Officer of the Guard

Tuesday, 2 January 1945 - F/O G. F. Classe - 351st Bombardment Squadron  
 Wednesday, 3 January 1945 - 1st Lt Albert Paul - 350th Bombardment Squadron

New Locations. The Post Office is now located in the formerly unused wing of the Enlisted Mens Combat Mess Hall. All business will be transacted in this building. The Special Services Office is now in the building which was formerly occupied by the Post Office.

Warning. Numerous reports and complaints have been received concerning personnel cutting across fields and over fences. You are reminded that this constitutes trespassing, since all fenced-in fields are private property. Damage caused by trespassing must be paid for by the U. S. government. Military Police will report such instances for appropriate disciplinary action.

An officer of this Division who was in charge of a truck which was being driven at an excessive speed was recently required to forfeit \$50.00 of his pay by the Commanding General. This indicates that an officer in charge of a vehicle will be held responsible for its operation and use, and that punishment under Article of War 104 will be deemed appropriate action in the event of violation.

The Post Exchange is presenting a selection of Easter Gifts which may be purchased for delivery in the States. The deadline for such orders is 25 Jan 1945.

Stray Dogs are being picked up by Military Police. If a dog is not claimed and registered by 5 Jan 1945, it will be destroyed.

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

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 Adjutant.

INFORMATION

\*\*\*\*\* movies \*\*\*\*\*

Tuesday -- "The Impatient Year", starring [redacted] & Jean Arthur  
 Wed & Thur -- "Rainbow Island"  
 Fri & Sat -- Abbott & Costello and Marilyn Maxwell in "Lost In A Harem"

FOUND

EM Field Jacket, Size 38-R. Found in Ablutions Room, Site #2.

Pipe and black leather tobacco pouch. Found in Officers Club.

Small ladies ring in cardboard carton.

Owners may claim above items at the Sgt Major's Office in Station Hq.

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## THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Saturday, 6 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Saturday 6 Jan 0833 - 1729

Sunday 7 Jan 0832 - 1731

Monday 8 Jan 0831 - 1732

432OFFICIAL432Officer of the Day

Saturday, 6 January 1945 - 1st Lt Myron A. Terhune - 869th Chemical Company

Sunday, 7 January 1945 - Captain Richard R. Murphree - 1776th Ordnance Co

Monday, 8 January 1945 - Captain James B. Gallagher - 456th Sub Depot

Officer of the Guard

Saturday, 6 January 1945 - 1st Lt Edward C. Allen - 349th Bombardment Squad

Sunday, 7 January 1945 - 1st Lt Robert N. Sangro - 2110th Fire Fighting Pltn

Monday, 8 January 1945 - 1st Lt Stanley Cox - Hq 100th Bombardment Group

The 3d Bombardment Division has been redesignated as the 3D AIR DIVISION.  
 All communications for that headquarters will be addressed as follows:

Commanding General  
 3d Air Division  
 APO #559, U. S. Army

By order of Colonel JEFFREY:

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INFORMATIONm o v i e s

Saturday -- Marilyn Maxwell and Abbott & Costello in "Lost In A Harem"  
 Sunday -- Mystery thriller, "Shadows In The Night"  
 Mon & Tue -- "American Romance", featuring dynamic Brian Donlevy

L O S T

Wallet, containing money and papers, belonging to Sgt Riley L. Bench. Lost in ARC Aeroclub evening of 3 January 1945. Finder please return to 350th Orderly Room.

Dog Tags belonging to Cpl Paul Whitus. Left in Ablutions Room, Site #2, Finder please return to 28th Station Complement Orderly Room.

The Protestant Chapel Services for Sunday, 7 January 1945, are as follows:

Holy Communion	1000 hrs	Evening Service	1830 hrs
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## THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Tuesday 9 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Tuesday 9 Jan 0831 - 1734

Wednesday 10 Jan 0831 - 1735

433

OFFICIAL

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Officer of the Day

Tuesday, 9 January 1945 - 1st Lt Philip W. Laney - Hq 100th Bomb Group

Wednesday, 10 January 1945 - 1st Lt William C. Maher - Hq 100th Bomb Group

Officer of the Guard

Tuesday, 9 January 1945 - 1st Lt John C. Van Aman - 869th Chemical Company

Wednesday, 10 January 1945 - 1st Lt Richard T. Berry - 349th Bomb Squadron

Short University Courses. Several famous British Colleges and Universities are again offering special short courses for American personnel who are on normal leaves or furlough. The fee for each course, which lasts approximately five days, is £3-12-0 for officers and £1-12-0 for enlisted personnel. Details concerning courses, schools, dates, etc, may be obtained from the Special Services Officer, whose office is now located in the former Post Office building.

The Division Bus Service which has been in operation between Norwich, Ipswich, etc, for the past several months will be discontinued effective 11 January 45. Lack of serviceable busses caused the cessation of this service.

The Childrens Christmas Party Presents cost a total of £187-10-0, for approximately 500 children. Since only a third of this number was expected, it was necessary to ask a second time for contributions. The total amount collected on the November and December pay days was £188-6-8, leaving a balance of 16s-8d, which has been turned over to the chaplain.

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INFORMATIONLOST

Heavy, brown leather wallet, containing currency, identification cards, etc, belonging to S/Sgt Leslie LaPlace. Finder please return to 351st Squadron Orderly Room. REWARD.

MOVIES

Tuesday -- "American Romance" with Brian Donlevy  
Wed & Thur -- "My Favorite Wife"  
Fri & Sat -- Paulette Goddard in "I Love A Soldier"

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## THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Thursday, 11 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Thursday 11 Jan 0830 1737

Friday 12 Jan 0829 - 1738

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OFFICIAL

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Officer of the Day

Thursday, 11 January 1945 - Captain Timothy R. McMahon - 350th Bomb Squad  
 Friday, 12 January 1945 - 1st Lt Max Juni - 351st Bombardment Squadron

Officer of the Guard

Thursday, 11 January 1945 - 1st Lt Martin Singer - Hq 100th Bombardment Gp  
 Friday, 12 January 1945 - 1st Lt Leo M. Smith - 418th Bombardment Squadron

Mail Service With Belgium. Mail service with certain areas of Belgium is now available to US military personnel. Information concerning such areas may be obtained at any US Army post office. All types of business, official and personal correspondence is authorized, except registered, insured and other types of mail requiring special handling. Mail of the authorized categories will be accepted free of postage. All such mail originating with military personnel will bear the writer's complete return address, including his name, rank, serial number, organization and APO number, and the words "US Army". The mail will be given US military censorship, as prescribed by Pars 3, 4, and 5, Cir 33, 21 Mar 1944, as amended, and will be deposited in US Army post offices. Mail originating with Belgian civilians will not be accepted in US Army post offices. (Cir 119, 12 Dec 44, ETOUSA).

The Telephone Number for Crew Transportation is 94 ring 2.

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OFFICIAL:

*Lab 3 Hobbs*  
 DALE Z. HOBBS,  
 Captain, Air Corps,  
 Assistant Adjutant.

INFORMATIONChapel Services

Catholic	Sunday Masses	1100 & 1930 hours
Protestant	Sunday Morning	1000
	Sunday Evening - Ch Fulkerson to speak	1830 hours
L. D. S.	Sunday Afternoon Service	1730 hours

movies

Thursday -- Cary Grant & Irene Dunne in sparkling comedy "My Favorite Wife"  
 Fri & Sat -- "I Love A Soldier", starring Sonny Tufts and Paulette Goddard  
 Sunday -- "Soul of A Monster"

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## THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Saturday, 13 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Saturday 13 Jan 0829 - 1739

Sunday 14 Jan 0828 - 1741

Monday 15 Jan 0827 - 1743

435OFFICIAL435Officer of the Day

Saturday, 13 January 1945 - Captain Emmett G. Scharding - 1141st QM Co

Sunday, 14 January 1945 - Captain Robert H. Tienken - 350th Bombardment Sq

Monday, 15 January 1945 - 1st Lt David S. Currie, Jr - 349th Bomb Squadron

Officer of the Guard

Saturday, 13 January 1945 - 1st Lt Robert L. Hishler - 349th Bomb Squadron

Sunday, 14 January 1945 - 2nd Lt Albert H. Anderson - 592nd APU

Monday, 15 January 1945 - W/O Jack O. Felt - 456th Sub Depot

Important Notice. Glass has become a critical item in the United Kingdom. Personnel are cautioned that it is unlikely that broken window panes can be replaced in the near future.

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OFFICIAL:

*Dale E. Hobbs*  
DALE E. HOBBS,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Assistant Adjutant.

INFORMATIONSunday Chapel Services

Catholic	Masses	1100 & 1930 hours
Protestant	Morning Services	1000 hours
	Evening - Ch Fulkerson will speak	1830 hours
L. D. S.	Afternoon Service	1730 hours

movies

Saturday -- Paulette Goddard and Sonny Tufts in "I Loved A Soldier"

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# THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Thursday, 18 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Thursday 18 Jan 0824 - 1747

Friday 19 Jan 0823 - 1749

436OFFICIAL436Officer of the Day

Thursday, 18 January 1945 - 1st Lt Robert W. McAtee - 418th Bombardment Sq  
 Friday, 19 January 1945 - 1st Lt Walter G. Burke - 349th Bombardment Squad

Officer of the Guard

Thursday, 18 January 1945 - 1st Lt James W. Housenian - 350th Bombardment Sq  
 Friday, 19 January 1945 - 2nd Lt Lester I. Price - 350th Bombardment Squad

The Mobile Officers Sales Store will be at nearby Stations as follows:

Deophan Green 18 & 19 Jan  
 Horham 21 & 22 Jan  
 Great Ashfield 24 & 25 Jan

If a sufficient number of combat officers need clothing and equipment, transportation can be arranged. No provision has yet been made for purchases by ground officers.

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INFORMATIONm o v i e s

Thursday -- "Barbary Coast Gent"  
 Fri & Sat -- "Swing And Sway"

Sunday -- "Fallen Sparrow"  
 Mon & Tue -- "Kansas City Kitty"

Jewish Chapel Services -- Friday Evening, 19 January 1945 -- 1845 hours

Easter Gifts may still be purchased at the Post Exchange. The deadline on these gifts is 25 January 1945.

Notice. -- The patient who left eye glasses at the Dental Office may pick same up at Station Sick Quarters.

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## THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Saturday, 20 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Saturday 20 Jan 0822 - 1751  
 Sunday 21 Jan 0821 - 1752  
 Monday 22 Jan 0820 - 1754

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OFFICIAL

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Officer of the Day

Saturday, 20 January 1945 - Captain Robert H. Williams - 351st Bomb Squad  
 Sunday, 21 January 1945 - 1st Lt John R. Olson - 418th Bombardment Squad  
 Monday, 22 January 1945 - Captain Malcolm W. Clouter - 350th Bombardment Sq

Officer of the Guard

Saturday, 20 January 1945 - 1st Lt Edward F. Kibble - 456th Sub Depot  
 Sunday, 21 January 1945 - 1st Lt Harold H. Krinke - 1141st Quartermaster Co  
 Monday, 22 January 1945 - 1st Lt Robert P. Joyce - 1141st Quartermaster Co

Sulfadiazine Tablets. The tablets which you are required to take as you enter your respective mess hall is a prophylactic (preventative) dose (0.5 gram) of sulfadiazine. Great success has resulted from such doses as a safeguard against respiratory diseases (colds, etc), and higher headquarters has directed that all personnel be administered this drug daily. It is to your own benefit to take these tablets daily and your cooperation in doing so may result in great progress in preventing the discomfort and lost time which result from respiratory diseases.

Officer's Pay Data Card. All officers not having a Pay Data Card (WDAGO #77) containing pertinent information are urged to contact the Station Finance Officer at once. Lack of foreign service information on Pay Cards is not sufficient reason for issue of new card.

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INFORMATIONSunday Chapel Services

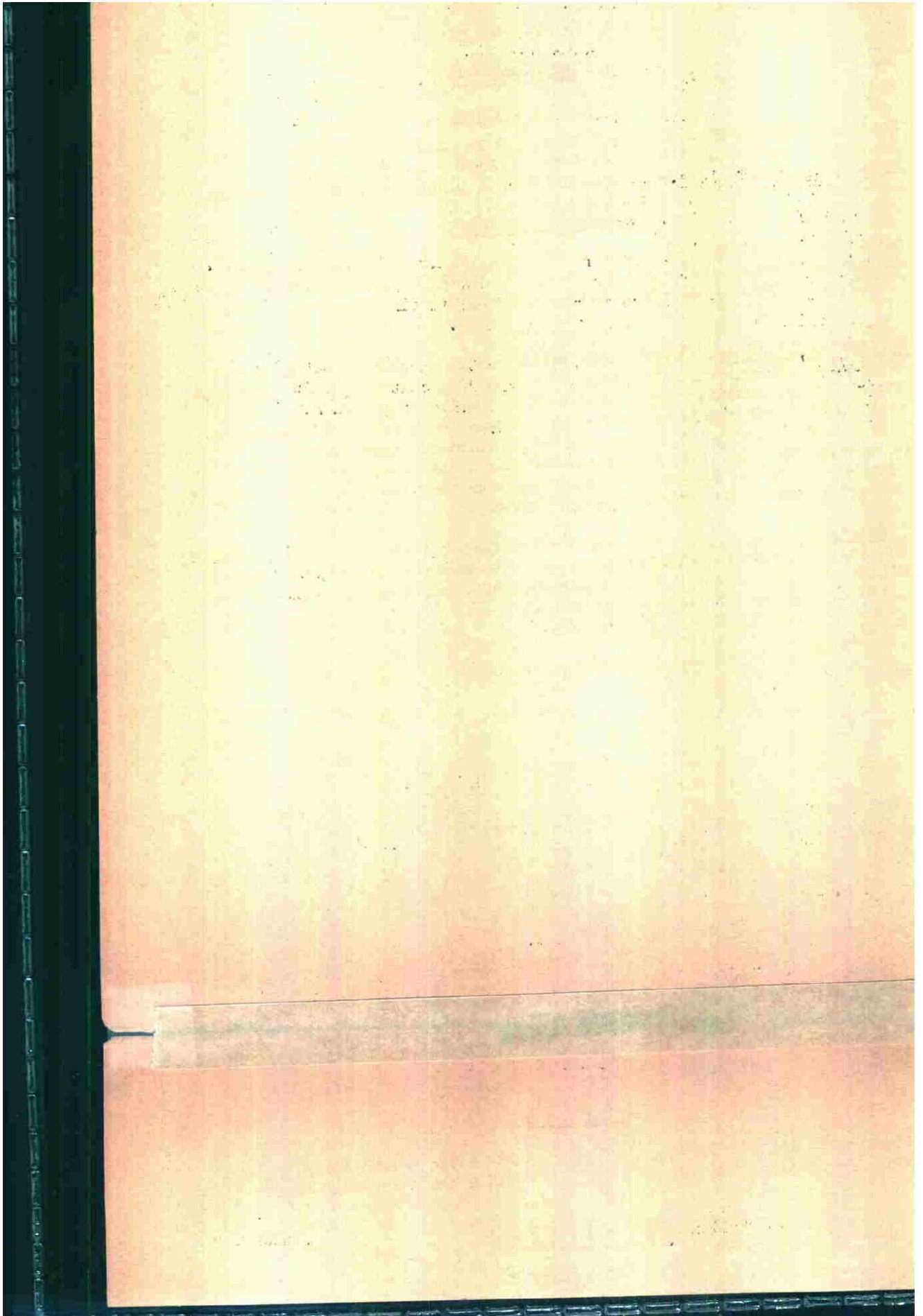
Catholic	Masses	1100 & 1930 hours
Protestant	Morning Service	1000 hours
	Evening Service	1830 hours
L. D. S.	Afternoon Service	1730 hours

movies

Saturday -- "Swing And Sway"  
 Sunday -- "Fallen Sparrow"  
 Mon & Tue -- "Kansas City Kitty"  
 Wed & Thu -- "Tender Conrade"

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# THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Tuesday 23 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Tuesday 23 Jan 0819 - 1756  
 Wednesday 24 Jan 0817 - 1758

438OFFICIAL438Officer of the Day

Tuesday, 23 January 1945 - Captain Albert Alex - Hq 100th Bombardment Gp  
 Wednesday, 24 January 1945 - Capt Henry L. Hollingsworth - 28th Sta Comp

Officer of the Guard

Tuesday, 23 January 1945 - 1st Lt Earl D. Levenson - 418th Bomb Squadron  
 Wednesday, 24 January 1945 - 1st Lt Anthony J. Caporizzo - 351st Bomb Sq

Important Notice. The following is quoted from 8th Air Force letter, dated 11 January 1945, subject, "Identification":

Letter this Headquarters dated 4 January 1945, subject as above is rescinded.

The attention of this Headquarters has recently been called to the extremely large number of reports received from Military Police in London because officers and enlisted personnel fail to comply with instructions regarding their identification. This applies to identification cards and identification tags.

In a number of cases U.S. personnel have lost their lives in the U.K. because their identification tags were not worn round the neck and considerable time has been lost in determining the blood type for transfusion. In a number of cases transfusion could not be given for that reason.

A considerable number of U.S. personnel have deserted and remained in the United Kingdom supporting themselves by thieving and by using the identities of others. Identification papers and tags have been carelessly left in Red Cross Clubs and hostels where they can be easily picked up. In one case a deserter was apprehended in the act of stealing the travel order of a soldier who was enroute to the United States and whose AGO card and identification tags were already in his possession.

Military Police, both on the stations and in the areas, will make frequent checks to see that all identification is properly worn or carried.

Notice All Personnel. There is a serious shortage of small medicinal bottles. All personnel are asked to return all bottles, which are not in immediate use to Station Sick Quarters.

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INFORMATIONmovies

Tuesday -- "Kansas City Kitty"  
 Wed & Thu -- "Tender Comrade"

Fri & Sat -- "Government Girl"  
 Sunday -- "Lady Take A Chance"

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## THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Thursday, 25 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Thursday 25 Jan 0816 - 1759

Friday 26 Jan 0815 - 1801

437OFFICIAL437Officer of the Day

Thursday, 25 January 1945 - Captain William S. Porter - 351st Bomb Squadron

Friday, 26 January 1945 - Captain Edward F. Beecher - 456th Sub Depot

Officer of the Guard

Thursday, 25 January 1945 - 1st Lt Albert Paul - 350th Bombardment Squadron

Friday, 26 January 1945 - 1st Lt Bernard C. Sparks - 349th Bombardment Sq

Enlisted Personnel, Note. Complete pressing and tailoring service is now available to all enlisted men on the Station. Cleaning is not included as part of this service. The tailor shop is now located in the rear of the Theater building.

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INFORMATION

CHAPEL SERVICES IN OBSERVANCE OF THE  
EIGHTH AIR FORCE'S THIRD ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 28 January 1945

PROTESTANT	Special Anniversary - Memorial Service	1000 hrs
ROMAN CATHOLIC	My Country 'Tis Of Thee Dedication of Divine Services & High Mass cum incenso of Thanksgiving Sermon: "Defenders of Justice & Right" Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Solemn TE DEUM	1100 hrs
JEWISH	Special Friday Night Anniversary Service	1845 hrs
L. D. S.	Sunday afternoon Sacrament Service, led by M/Sgt Leonard G. Cartwright	1730 hrs

Test

Brown billfold containing money, identification card, etc, belonging to Sgt Fred E. Appleby, Jr. Lost in Gunners' Locker Room. Finder please return to 349th Squadron Orderly Room. REWARD.

Grey change purse containing small change, ration card, drivers permit, and church medal. Finder please return to M/Sgt Frank J. Sinc, 456th Sub Depot Orderly Room.

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Fri & Sat -- "Government Girl"  
Sunday -- "Lady Take A Chance"

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## THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Saturday 27 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Saturday 27 Jan 0813 - 1803

Sunday 28 Jan 0812 - 1805

Monday 29 Jan 0811 - 1807

440OFFICIAL440Officer of the Day

Saturday, 27 January 1945 - Captain John C. Williams - 349th Bombardment Sq

Sunday, 28 January 1945 - 1st Lt Myron A. Terhune - 869th Chemical Company

Monday, 29 January 1945 - Captain James B. Gallagher - 456th Sub Depot

Officer of the Guard

Saturday, 27 January 1945 - 2nd Lt William E. Anderson - 351st Bomb Squadron

Sunday, 28 January 1945 - 1st Lt Edward C. Allen - 349th Bombardment Squad

Monday, 29 January 1945 - 1st Lt Robert N. Sangro - 2110th FF Platoon

CENTURY BULLETIN #437, dd 25 Jan 1945 is hereby redesignated Number 439.

A personal conference hour is held at 1900 hours on the 3rd day of each month in the Air Inspector's office. Complaints and suggestions concerning military, organizational, and personal matters may be made at this time without a special appointment. Should the matter be of an urgent nature, an appointment may be made at any time. Information transmitted will be treated as confidential, except to the extent necessary to secure official corrective action.

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INFORMATION

CHAPEL SERVICES IN OBSERVANCE OF THE

EIGHTH AIR FORCE'S THIRD ANNIVERSARY

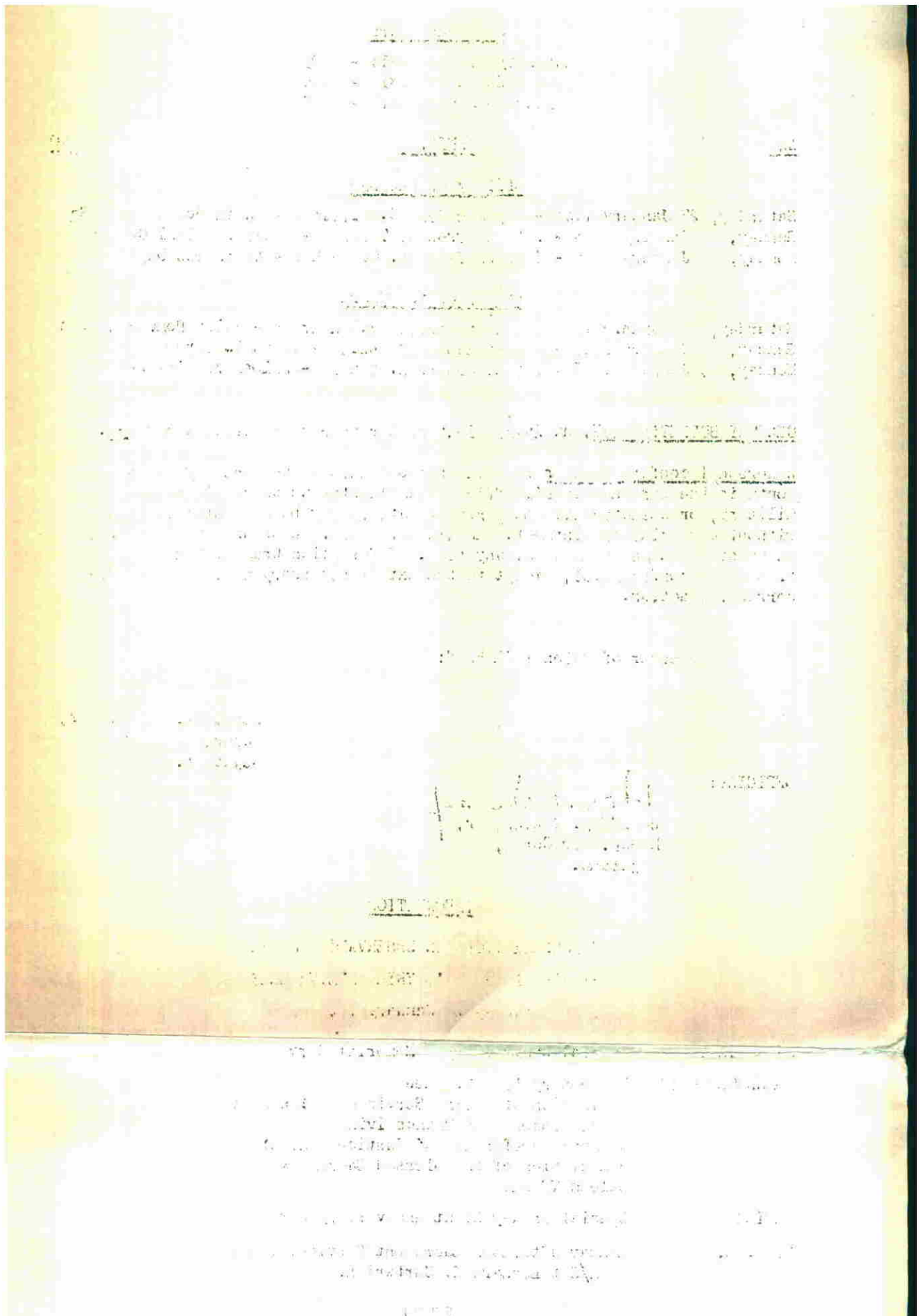
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PROTESTANT	Special Anniversary - Memorial Service	1000 hrs
ROMAN CATHOLIC	My Country 'Tis Of Thee	1100 hrs
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	cum incense of Thanksgiving	
	Sermon: "Defenders of Justice & Right"	
	Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament	
	Solemn TE DEUM	
JEWISH	Special Friday Night Anniversary Service	1845 hrs
L. D. S.	Sunday afternoon Sacrament Service, led by	1730 hrs
	M/Sgt Leonard G. Cartwright	

FOUND

Ring with ruby-colored stone. Found in Gunners' Locker Room. See Sgt Major.





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## THE CENTURY BULLETIN

AAF STATION #139

Tuesday, 30 January 1945

Blackout Hours

Tuesday 30 Jan 0809 - 1808  
 Wednesday 31 Jan 0808 - 1810

441OFFICIAL441Officer of the Day

Tuesday, 30 January 1945 - 1st Lt Philip W. Laney - Hq 100th Bombardment Gp  
 Wednesday, 31 January 1945 - 1st Lt Max Juni - 351st Bombardment Squadron

Officer of the Guard

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 Wednesday, 31 January 1945 - 1st Lt Martin Singer - Hq 100th Bombardment Gp

Third Anniversary -- Many congratulatory messages upon the third anniversary of the Eighth Air Force's activation have been transmitted to this Headquarters. Among them is one from General Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, as follows:

"Since its birth at Savannah, Georgia, three years ago, the Eighth Air Force has grown to the stature of the largest single power in the Air Force. The efforts put forth and the results obtained are an inspiration and a source of great pride to us all. Please extend to all echelons and ranks my sincerest congratulations on this anniversary and milestone of achievement."

Change in Mess Hours -- Effective today, 30 January 1945, the following hours will be in effect at the Combat Messes;

Combat Officer Mess --	Breakfast (Daily)	0600 to 0800 hours
	Breakfast (Sunday)	0700 to 0830 hours
	Dinner	1130 to 1300 hours
	Supper	1730 to 1900 hours
Combat Enlisted Mess -	Breakfast (Daily)	0600 to 0800 hours
	Breakfast (Sunday)	0600 to 0830 hours
	Dinner	1130 to 1300 hours
	Supper	1630 to 1800 hours

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